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PRESTON OUT BRUNSWICK IN

BY BRUCE CAMPBELL

AS PREDICTED in Soccer Weekly over the last month the ASF has announced the formal relegation of Preston from next season's National League format and promoted Victorian Premier League club Brunswick United.

In announcing the change ASF Chief Executive Officer Ian Holmes said: "In making the determination, the Board of Commissioners considered the six criteria laid down when the Coca-Cola Soccer League was reconstituted two years ago.

"I am pleased to welcome, subject to certain conditions, Brunswick United Soccer Club into the 1993/94 League.

One of the successful points of Brunswick's application was their plan to ground share with Footscray Australian Football club, a move which Holmes called "innovative." Brunswick also plan to share other administrative areas with Footscray.

"Coupled with a progressive administration the Board is sure that Brunswick will make a positive impact on the Western Suburbs of Melbourne," Holmes said.

Brunswick already have one National Championship from a previous spell in the League and are considered by many to have been one of the sleeping giants over the last few years.

The announcement is also certain to set the transfer market alight with both Brunswick scrambling for players and also Preston off-loading some of their highly paid stars. Top of that list will be John Markovski who will attract a probable figure of \$50,000 in Australia - or \$200,000 should he move to Europe as is likely.

Speculation in Sydney last night was already linking Markovski with a possible move to champions Marconi.



Great to be back.



JOHN MARKOVSKI: looking for a club.

Don't miss out on ABSW's 12-PAGE liftout with an
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IN MONDAY'S ISSUE

We take a look at
MANCHESTER UNITED
- League Champions
1967/68
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Aussie Soccer... It's Hot

Boban on trial

AC Milan arrive in Australia on Monday for their lightning-short three day tour of Australia.

The Italian champions will be coming after a match in Johannesburg in front of 70,000 spectators.

The game was specifically requested by Nelson Mandela and organised by Ruud Gullit.

Because of commitments in Italy, Milan will leave Australia on Thursday night — two hours after their match against the Socceroos at Princes Park in Melbourne.

Milan coach Fabio Capello told ABSW that the Australian trip was an important one for the club.

One of his tasks on tour will be to determine whether Croatian midfielder Zvonimir Boban has what it takes to replace Frank Rijkaard.

The Dutch ace won't come with the team as he is leaving the club and is at the moment negotiating in Holland and Spain.

The brilliant Boban, one of the stars of the 1987 world champion former Yugoslav youth team, has only had limited playing time with Milan last season because the champions could boast six top foreign players but only could use three at a time.

Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi has told Capello to use the Australian tour to fully test Boban's ability to fill the boots of Rijkaard.

If he passes the test, Berlusconi will not go after the big international star he normally will have signed Rijkaard.

Another player who will be out to impress the Socceroos next Wednesday and Thursday will be French national team captain Jean-Pierre Papin.

With the severely injured Marco van Basten's entire career now in doubt after yet another ankle mishap, Papin is likely to carry Milan's offensive load on his shoulders.

How he and Boban complement each other in Australia could determine how competitive Milan are next season when they defend their Italian title and how they fare in the European Champions' Cup.

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CANADIAN EXPECTS GOOD SERIES AGAINST AUSSIES

ONE of Canada's leading officials had his appetite whetted for the upcoming World Cup qualifying tie with Australia.

Canadian team manager Les Wilson was at Olympic Park to see Australia wrap up the Oceania qualifying series with a 3-0 victory over New Zealand last Sunday.

Wilson said Australia had shown enough to promise a great series.

"Both teams are evenly matched and I think it will be an outstanding two-game series," Wilson said.

"We've scored a lot of goals in the 12 games we've played to get to this point.

"I feel the people in Australia and Canada are going to be served up two excellent matches."

Australia will meet Canada on July 31 in either Vancouver or Edmonton before the home leg in Sydney on the weekend of August 14-15.

The winner of that tie will then have to beat a South American country to make the 24 at next year's World Cup finals in the US.

Canada, which meets Australia after losing to Mexico, is at a similar stage of development according to Wilson.

"I think Eddie Thomson has done a first class job with the team," Wilson said.

"I think what has happened in the two countries is that we've improved our infrastructure mainly because both countries have more players playing in Europe.

"Nine of our squad of 18 players play in Europe on a regular basis, and it certainly helps our national team



CLINT GOSLING

programs, especially the World Cup team when players get exposed to that level of competition and training."

Wilson said the Melbourne game gave him plenty of food thought about Australia's strengths and weaknesses.

He was particularly impressed with French-based striker Robbie Slater whom he said would trouble any team with his speed.

The 3-0 loss could have brought the curtain down on the careers of All Whites Ceri Evans, and goal keeper

Clint Gosling.

But New Zealand coach Ian Marshall, whose term expired, said the team would bounce back.

"New Zealand is at the beginning of another era," Marshall said.

"You would be making a big mistake if you started writing us off four years out (of the next World Cup in 1997).

"We've got some good lads at home and the first thing we've got to do is get a development squad going and build for the future."

FIFA TO RULE ON CUP POINTS CHANGE

FIFA is expected to decide this week to award three points for a win in first round World Cup finals matches in a bid to make the showpiece event more attractive.

Sepp Blatter, general-secretary of soccer's governing body, is in favour of changing the points system for next year's World Cup finals in the United States, and the issue is marked for discussion at FIFA meetings in Zurich this week.

FIFA's World Cup organising committee and its decision-making executive committee may also discuss the thornier issue of sudden-death extra time, although Blatter said in February it would not be introduced at next year's World Cup.

Blatter is on record as saying he believes three points for a win would encourage more entertaining play and reward teams that play attacking soccer.

The American organisers of the 1994 World Cup are eager to see the change.

FIFA experimented with sudden-death in this year's World Youth Championship in Australia and gave approval to the new Japanese League to use sudden-death extra time and penalty shootouts to decide drawn games.

Blatter has said he believed sudden-death may encourage coaches to try to win a match in extra time rather than play safe for penalty kicks.

But at an International Football Association Board meeting in February he said the only possible alteration to soccer's laws for the 1994 World Cup would be the awarding of three points for a win instead of two during the group round.

In a series of meetings, FIFA will also address the issue of introducing professional referees into the world's top leagues, something Blatter has been campaigning for since widespread criticism of poor refereeing performances in the last World Cup finals three years ago.

Blatter said recently: "Referees are an important part of football, but they are not envoys from God. They must become as professional as players to bring the game into line with society."

FIFA's referees committee has already given full support to Blatter's vision and the executive committee is expected to order some leagues to follow Italy and draw up plans to introduce professional referees.

The executive committee may also take steps to end the growing conflict between clubs and countries over releasing top players for internationals.

FIFA has the backing of the soccer confederations to try to set up a co-ordinated international playing calendar to avoid a continual clash between international commitments and major professional leagues.

The executive committee may vote on its introduction on Thursday.

WARREN TOPS

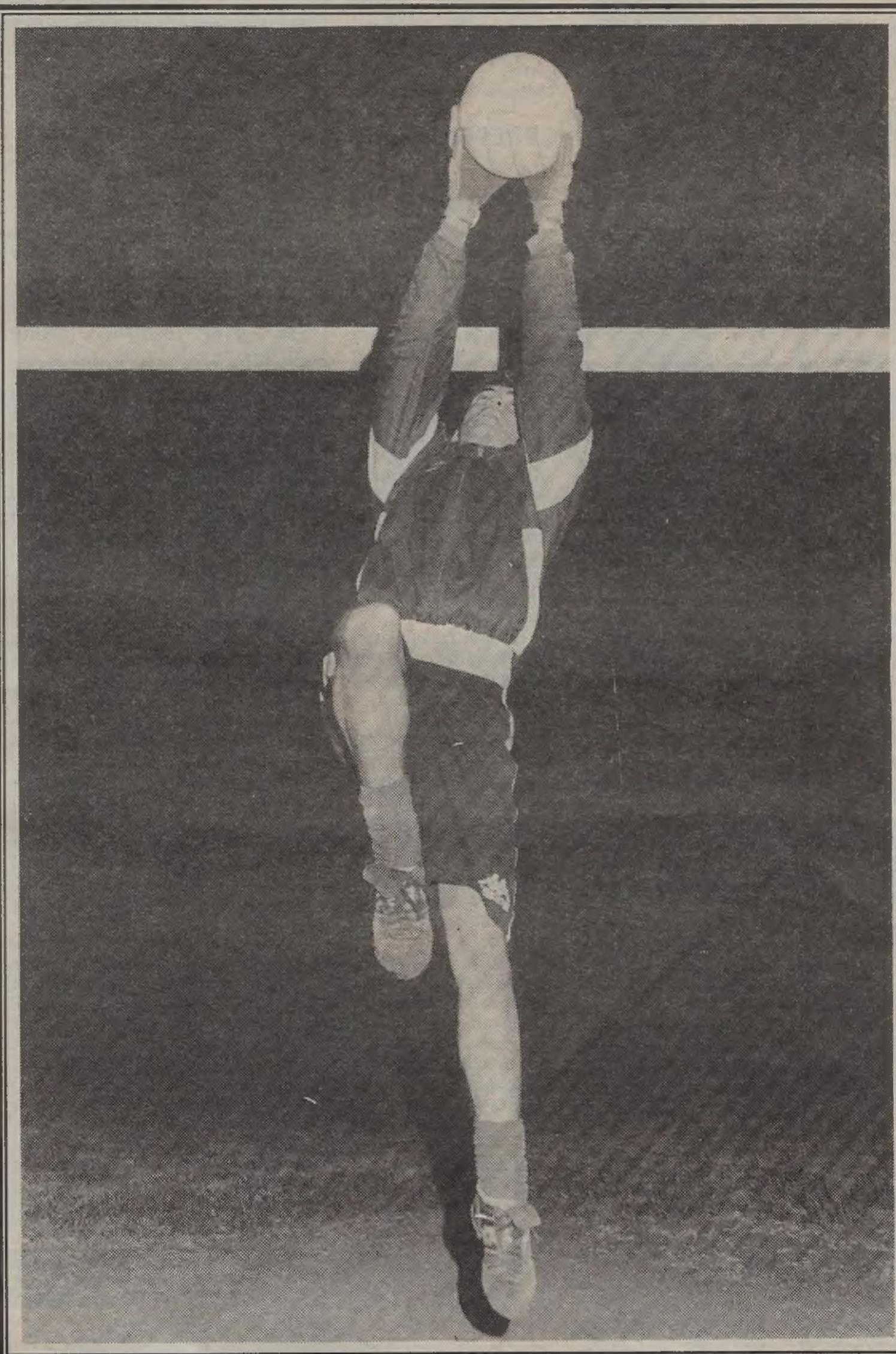


JOHNNY WARREN: readers picked him as their all-time favourite Socceroo.

Former Socceroo captain Johnny Warren topped Soccer Weekly's readers' competition with a 44% of all recorded votes. Readers were asked to nominate their favourite all-time Australian international and the former St. George player and Canberra City coach easily topped the popularity ratings.

The competition was sponsored by Sportspace Tours and the two lucky readers who have won a special AC Milan 'day' double pass are Anthony Demovic of Cronulla (favourite player Graham Arnold) and V Horvath, Sefton (who selected Johnny Warren).

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with Bruce Campbell

GREAT GOALS

Maybe I am just naive, maybe it is because I am a football purist but my recent criticism of the footballing aspect of our World Cup campaign to date certainly hit the mark.

I probably received more phone calls on that topic than any other single subject in the last six months. If I am naive or a purist then it would seem that I am not alone.

Imagine my feelings then when Carl Veart opened up the account against New Zealand in such spectacular style. It was a goal worth waiting for but more was to come. Aurelio Vidmar's brilliant header had Clint Gosling totally 'goosed'.

I am sure that the Sydney Olympic keeper was positioned for an expected downward header and, like everyone else, was totally caught out when Vidmar chose instead to bullet the ball between his head and the crossbar.

But the third goal! Ned Zelic doesn't score many goals but when he does they are something else.

The way he beat his man and then steered the ball into a clear angle was every bit as classy as 'that' goal against Holland in the Olympic qualifier.

And at times the Socceroos showed their ability by stringing together eight and nine passes. That is football with a capital F.

All up the Socceroos were a delight to watch and games like that will have the fans rolling in.

It's one of the greatest sights in football to see a player running at his man with the ball dragging at his feet.

This is a rarity in a modern game in which stifling defensive tactics rule.

A game in which players are closed down almost as soon as they sniff the ball never mind try to run with it.

In this current Australian team Robbie Slater has amply demonstrated that he has that rare ability to make a defender's life a nightmare.

His ball play, distribution and timing are absolutely brilliant.

When Thomson has the luxury of fielding both him and Frank Farina for a full 90 minutes then someone is going to be on the end of a hiding.

I also believe that there is an important place in this team for Davie Mitchell.

Mitchell is the sort of strong running old-fashioned centre forward that will soak up the crosses supplied by Slater and Farina all day long.

He could well be the missing chink in Thomson's attack, and one that will send Australia on its way to USA '94.

OFF THE HOOK

On an average day I spend some two hours on the phone answering reader enquiries and generally chatting with the great soccer public about the various issues that affect the game.

It all adds up to two things. One is that there is a big interest in this game of ours.

The second is that the general public needs a focal point for their thoughts on the game.

Some weeks ago I wrote that the ASF were in the process of setting up nine committees to further their activities.

To date nothing has happened with this exciting new initiative but surely the public are screaming out to be heard. There must be some way that the ASF can broaden their public relations to establish an open phone line.

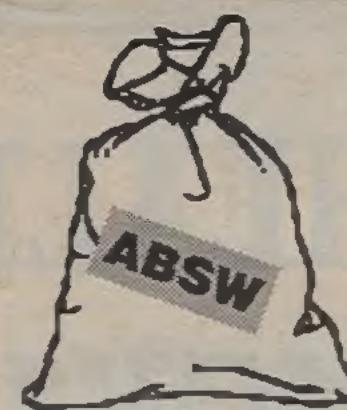
One of the great things about talking to readers is the diverse spread of opinions.

Naturally, I don't personally agree with all of the thoughts expressed but I do enjoy talking football.

I also come in for my share of criticism but, unlike some who find any criticism objectionable, I take this as part and parcel of the job.

Occasionally I get a letter or a call from someone who can only be described as fruitloop. Kevin Biner from West Brunswick falls into that category and I won't take up valuable space by printing a semi-decipherable chicken scrawl.

But, the rules of good taste aside, you are welcome to write in on any subject - and even if I don't agree personally, Soccer Weekly is delighted to print your thoughts on the game.



MAILBAG

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CONCERN

It is with some concern and considerable disappointment that some of Australia's overseas exports are considering withdrawing from the upcoming series against AC Milan.

Although I can sympathise with the players' needing a well earned break from soccer, surely the opportunity for some more international games against quality opposition in front of their own supporters counts for something.

Pity the Australian soccer public, except for the World Youth Cup in March, all our recent international success have only been available via the TV.

The last important match in Sydney for the Socceroos' 'first team' was against Israel in the last World Cup.

Given the World Cup match against Canada is likely to take place in August, I would have thought the more games they can play together the better.

I know it's difficult to get these players released and I know that they have to prioritise their clubs vs country commitments, but can we make it sweeter for our star exports?

Lets face it: if Zelic, Farina, Slater, Vidmar and Arnold aren't playing, the gate will suffer.

Therefore, I propose that in future, the more experienced a player and the higher the international profile, the higher the match payments.

Maybe providing a financial incentive as these against AC Milan will make it easier for these guys to commit themselves.

As Ernie Tapai can vouch for, nationalistic pride isn't everything. How about a percentage of the gate?

I really don't care what it takes, whether it's jingoism, money, whatever, I want to be able to see Australia's first string team more than once every four years.

George Bramis
Randwick

(I sympathise with your feelings George. I think that we are going through something of a metamorphosis just now and expect that within the next three years that the Australian national team will be big business.

Sadly, the fans are suffering just now.

The first step is an easy one, though, let's make the Sydney Football

Stadium the home of the Socceroos. I know that that won't be universally popular but every other country in the world has a home base for their national team. - Editor)

PRESENTATION

I am a fervent supporter and have been all of my life. Its a pleasure to see the game making progress in this country. Unfortunately, we still lag behind in some areas.

I would like to bring attention to a particular problem. I am always disappointed in the way the Australian team lineup for the playing of the National Anthem. After seeing so many games live and on television I cannot but compare our teams presentation to other countries. The two games against New Zealand are good examples.

The Australian players can't seem to stand still. They are either moving their heads around or flexing their muscles.

This is fine for warming up but not while the national Anthem is being played. Also is there a reason why the players are standing five feet apart?

It looks much better if they are standing shoulder to shoulder like other teams do.

According to my knowledge of soccer protocol, a Captain's place is next to the linesman and not last in line like Paul Wade was in Auckland.

These players are representing Australia and should take a more professional attitude in the way their image is projected not only in Australia but to the world.

We might not be Brazil, Germany or the Netherlands in the way we play but we should at least match them in our presentation.

This letter should be seen as constructive criticism, and it is hoped that the hierarchy in the ASF and management of the Socceroos take note and remedy these deficiencies which have been going on for far too long.

(Ms) J K Radic
FLOREY ACT

(I think you are spot on. One of the things that has always caught my eye over the years is the discipline of national teams like Germany during the playing of the national anthem. For that one and a half minutes our players should only be focussing on the pride of playing for their

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ETHNIC BAIRD

This is a reply to John Baird's letter dated 3.6.93. You obviously know absolutely nothing about football in this country.

Firstly, you state in your letter that Victorians are probably "watching Aussie rules".

I hope you saw the finals series Baird, especially the second leg of the major semi-final. South Melbourne vs Marconi.

How many Victorian supporters made the trip to Sydney by bus and by plane. Even though, the result was the most embarrassing in the history of South Melbourne their supporters did not divide in their passion.

Another example is this year's grand final. Glamour club Marconi boasts a 'huge' following, yet at this year's grand final there was a crowd of 13,000.

However, in the '91-'92 season, Melbourne CSC vs Adelaide City (played in Melbourne) there was a crowd of 18,000, so which clubs have the most support Mr Baird?

Secondly, Mr Baird, you have suggested that most clubs have snubbed the ASF regulations and are still using their 'ethnic' names.

Even the most racist country in the world, South Africa has a team in their National League called Capetown Hellenic. Recent European champions are called Marseille Olympic.

In the US there is a team called 'Cosmos'.

Yet, here in Australia, where we are held up on a pedestal by the rest of the world as a multi-cultural nation other football teams are compelled by the ASF to forego the multi-cultural communities that have supported them both financially and emotionally.

This great world game of football was introduced to Australia by the British in the 1800s. However, the 'nationalist communists' could not deal with the fact that the "imperialist

British" were much better than them and each time England played the 'Colonies', the 'Colonies' would lose dismally.

Therefore, the 'nationalist communists' decided to invent their own game, "Aussie Rules" so that the British could not play.

These predominantly Anglo-Saxon Australians loved Aussie Rules for they could not be beaten and humiliated at their own game.

They did not realise that nobody else played their game either.

Therefore, football clubs are predominantly ethnic backed, because it was 'ethnics' that bought this world game back into prominence in Australia.

You also, suggest that clubs do not attempt to incorporate the local areas. How can they, when people like you still call this an "ethnic game" and only "ethnics" play this code of football?

You state "lets go back to an Anglo-Saxon game", however, you do not realise Mr Baird that you too are an "ethnic".

For the only "true Australia" football team in our National League would be one backed by an Aboriginal community.

Yet then again Mr Baird, you could probably call them 'ethnic' too, as they also do not speak the Queen's English.

Helen Ntantis

(You raise several good points Helen. This a very emotive subject and one which needs to be looked at practically, not with pie-in-the-sky theoretical ideas about what way soccer can be developed in a perfect world. The world isn't perfect, soccer is a European game and we must play, and enjoy, this sport with both of these thoughts in mind. Anyway, enjoy the video - I know it's Anglo-Saxon but it's a great tape and Network are to be congratulated for their enterprise and support of this page. - Editor)

VIDEO PREVIEW NO.4

Everton's Greatest FA Cup Victories

The Merseyside giants Everton are one of the FA Cup's favourite sons. This programme features 6 of Everton's most famous encounters and many of the game's greatest characters, including manager, Howard Kendall, Andy Gray, Neville Southall and Peter Reid. Thrilling action includes:

★ The victory over Sheffield Wednesday in the 1966 final as Everton win 3-2 after a miraculous comeback in the last 20 minutes.

★ The final of 1984 as Everton, driven on by goalscorer Andy Gray, won 2-0.

★ Everton, coming from behind again, beat Luton 2-1 after extra time in the 1985 semi-final, to keep a record breaking treble firmly in their sights.

★ The thrilling semi-final in 1986 at Villa Park which again went into extra time.

★ The comprehensive 4-0 despatch of Plymouth in 1989.

★ The spectacular 4-4 tie against Liverpool, and the 1-0 second replay of 1991.

country.

That in itself would be a huge psychological boost to their performance - and would look good on TV also. Nice to see a letter from Canberra, hopefully

you'll have a national league team to watch within the next year. - Editor)

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Choice of the Pros...

MAROONS INJURY DOUBTS

BY ROB BLACK

QUEENSLAND have lost several key players for the state of origin clash with NSW at Perry Park this Saturday night.

Socceroo defender Alan Hunter and South Melbourne's Danny Wright have pulled out due to personal commitments while Stephen Corica is injured and Craig Moore overseas.

Young Socceroo Moore, arguably Australia's best at the recent World Youth Championship, has returned to Scotland where he has offered terms by European giants Glasgow Rangers.

The newly capped Corica is still recovering from a rib injury sustained in a trial prior to the World Cup eliminations with New Zealand.

Maroons coach Juan Cutillas is naturally disappointed to lose all four particularly the two youngsters — considered Australia's newest stars in the mould of Frank Farina and Ned Zelic.

"To lose both Craig and Steve is very unfortunate. The loss is tremendous and it's just a shame that out of all the Australians in the squad (Socceroos) Corica was the one to get injured," said Cutillas.

Cutillas has called Brisbane United defenders



CRAIG MOORE: on trial with Glasgow Rangers.

Stein Grodum and Glenn Gwynne into the squad along with Graham Eden (Pine Rivers).

Steve Jackson and Mark Greer, also of United, have niggling injuries and may not be fit in time. However Cutillas is confident of victory at Perry Park with several new faces likely to get a start in the Maroon shirt.

The return NSW vs Qld match in Newcastle has been re-scheduled for July 10 due to clashes with the AC Milan vs Australia series and the Blues last minute tour to Korea.

In other news on Brisbane United, the club's restructure and financial stability is well in hand according to secretary Lawrence Oudendyk.

Marton urges Slater move

Socceroo ace Robbie Slater has been urged to play in Italy or Germany by the coach who guided him as a teenager.

St George mentor Dez Marton believes Slater, man of the match in Australia's 3-0 World Cup win over New Zealand on Sunday, needs to give himself a new challenge to achieve his full potential.

Marton, who coached Slater for three years at St George before his move to Sydney CSC in 1986, said a move would provide a vital boost.

"Robbie is a world class player who is certainly good enough to play in Italy or Germany," said Marton.

"A player needs to test himself and try something new and Robbie should move to maintain his motivation."

Slater, 27, who has just signed a new three-year

contract with the French first division side, has already attracted the interest of English giants Arsenal and Everton.

"I'm sure he feels the money and security at Lens is good but a player's career is short," added Marton.

And he is convinced there is still room for improvement in Slater's game after watching him against the Kiwis.

"If Robbie comes to Sydney I would like to sit down with him and watch a video of the game," Marton said.

"I believe Robbie can make himself and even more dangerous player."

Marton cited a couple of chances which Slater created for himself.

But he said too many of Slater's runs ended with a cross or a shot when he could have taken the ball into the opposition's penalty

area.

"With a little more thought and composure he could have given himself a better chance of scoring because he certainly has the skill to get into these positions."

Meanwhile, Marton believes St George's remarkable comeback against title chasers Bonnyrigg could prove a turning point for the Super League strugglers.

With just ten minutes left, St George trailed 3-0 before a late goal blitz earned two valuable points.

"That kind of comeback can provide a huge boost for the side in terms of morale," said Marton.

"After losing our previous five games, it was vital to come away with something last weekend."

"Now we have to take that spirit into our next game against Canterbury."

HEIDELBERG POSITION HINGES ON PHONE CALL

Coca Cola Soccer League team Heidelberg will know today whether coach Drago Sekularac has dumped his Melbourne side in favour of a lucrative contract in Europe.

"We think he might sign for Apoel, Cyprus first division side," Steve Bitsanis the Bergers vice-president said.

The Melbourne side has been in touch with Sekularac and he has told officials he is considering an offer and will make a decision. Bitsanis said his club would be on the telephone to the coach early tomorrow to find out what was going on.

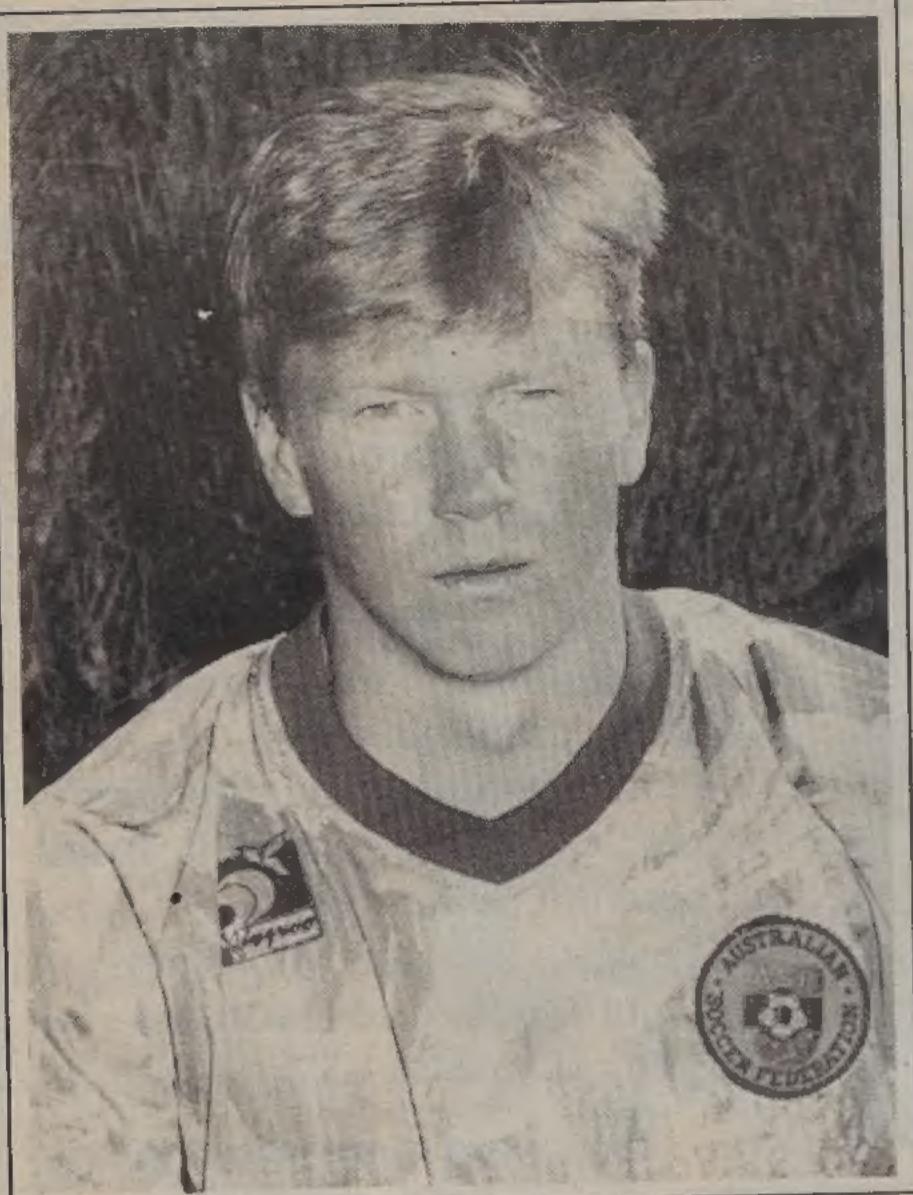
Heidelberg players were saying openly last weekend that Sekularac had deserted the club, but Bitsanis has not yet given up hope of bringing the coach back to Australia.

"Nothing has been decided yet," he said.

Sekularac was an inspiration to Heidelberg last season even though he joined the club with only half a dozen league games remaining.

He coached the struggling side to a league cup championship and was seen as the saviour who would lead the Olympic Village squad to better things next season.

Aussie Soccer... It's Hot



TROY CRANNEY

Cranney boys sweep up at United awards

BRISBANE United's talented young midfield swept the National Soccer League club's 1993 annual awards with Troy Cranney carrying off the prized Player of the Year silverware.

Cranney, 21, a former World Youth Cup squad member, was also voted the Players' Player in a big night for him and younger brother, Shaun.

Shaun, 19, who played for Australia in this year's World Youth Championship only to miss the final with a knee injury, was judged United's Most Improved player during a difficult season.

Another of the club's outstanding youngsters, 18 year-old Brenley Jefford, was named Rookie of the Year.

United coach Miron Bleiberg hopes the three award winners will

remain with Brisbane.

Both Jefford and Shaun Cranney are contracted and would be subject to transfer fees if they received offers.

Troy Cranney, who has trialled overseas in Germany, is off contract and on the free transfer list.

"Sure I'd love to have them back next year," said Bleiberg.

"They developed a lot together last year and I believe they would benefit even more from another season together."

United, battling financial pressures and the recent resignation of chairman Bob White, put aside its internal problems to honour its players, including veteran Frank Pimblett, in his testimonial year with the NSL club.

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SOPER WANTS TO BE A COACH

MARSHALL Soper, the soccer enigma who has given his coaches plenty of heartache and stick during his topsy-turvy career, intends to one day join the clipboard brigade.

Many would consider his ambition Australian soccer's great irony. Soper's scrapbook is dominated by headlines which tell a story of numerous verbal dust ups and conflicts with club management and coaching identities such as Tom Docherty and Eddie Thomson.

His words and actions off the field undoubtedly cut short his international career.

But the 32-year-old who will skipper the New South Wales Soccerblues in Korea for the President's Cup in Korea next week said it was such incidents which will make him a successful coach.

"They say only the biggest bastard knows a bastard's tricks best, so with that in mind I think I could coach a team and do it well," he said.

"I know all of the angles like why a player misses training and so on ... and as far as soccer goes I've been through it all."

"I've suffered injuries, played in games that have erupted into riots, gone through club transfer wrangles, been picked, and axed, from national sides and been dropped from first grade."

Soper said his colourful experiences had also given him an insight into the complex issues which can make or break team spirit.

"I would be strict but I would be wary of the little things," he said. "Sometimes a player might turn up and have a few hassles on his mind like losing a job, or breaking up with his girlfriend."

"In such a situation you can't always be the tough coach and say run 20 laps or whatever, the matter calls for some understanding."

Soper is using his selection as the Soccerblues' skipper as the first step towards realising his aim.

The many young guns in the 18-man squad will be looking to arguably



MARSHALL SOPER

Australia's most skilful player for guidance when they clash with teams from Korea, China, Egypt, Mexico, Romania, Egypt and Czechoslovakia.

"I like the idea of such a responsibility," Soper said. "My experience means I have to set standards at training, during a game and even away from the field."

"I'm in a position where I cannot be seen to be one of the boys ... I have high standards to meet."

Many believe Soper should not be going to Korea with the state team. Instead they say he should be playing a key role with the Socceroos in their World Cup campaign against Canada.

RASIC DEFENDS SOCCERBLUES

NEW South Wales coach Rale Rasic has hit back at criticism of the decision to send the state team as Australia's representative to the prestigious President's Cup in Korea later this month.

Victoria and Queensland are furious the Soccerblues will be appearing in lieu of the Socceroos who are tied up in their World Cup campaign.

But Rasic, who coached Australia to the World Cup finals in 1974, insists the Australian Soccer Federation has made the right decision in appointing NSW to confront teams from China, Korea, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Mexico and Egypt in the tournament.

Victoria and Queensland are

adamant the Federation should have selected a composite Australian side, but Rasic said that would have been too complex.

"The Federation has made the right and sensible decision," Rasic said.

"If they had to decide on an Australian team they'd still be talking about it and we probably wouldn't have made it to the competition."

Rasic said the tour will be a big eye opener for many young players and should be the foundation for many to build long and successful careers.

Apart from expecting a good performance from the Soccerblues, Rasic said he was looking forward to his trip to Korea to look up old foes and

friends.

"I haven't been there since '73 but the idea of meeting up with people I met 20-years ago makes me feel good," he said.

"That is what makes sport so great...the fact people of different cultures can maintain a mutual respect because of their admiration for one another's sporting prowess."

ASF chief executive Ian Holmes said he expected a first class performance from NSW in Korea.

"The quality of the New South Wales team influenced us, there are seven or eight players who have represented Australia at one level or the other," he said.

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RESULTS

SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	15	11	4	0	0	34	10	41
Bankstown City	15	9	3	2	1	32	9	35
Canberra	15	8	2	2	3	29	17	30
Adamstown	14	8	2	1	3	24	14	29
C'bury-M'ville	15	7	3	1	4	23	23	28
Leichhardt	15	5	5	2	3	26	13	27
Bonnyrigg	15	7	3	0	5	28	18	27
Rockdale	15	7	0	3	5	18	11	24
Stanmore	15	6	1	1	7	21	28	21
Warringah	15	6	0	1	8	20	18	19
Wollongong	15	2	4	0	9	17	37	14
Eastern Subs	14	3	1	0	10	12	29	11
St George	15	1	3	2	9	11	34	11
Sutherland	15	0	1	1	13	10	40	3

UNDER 21

Blacktown City	15	10	2	1	2	40	16	35
Canterbury Marr.	15	9	4	0	2	34	11	35
Bonnyrigg W.E.	15	9	3	0	3	34	16	33
Canberra Deakin	15	10	1	0	4	43	16	32
Adamstown R'bud	14	9	1	0	4	32	22	29
Leichhardt Tigers	15	7	2	1	5	34	25	26
Warringah D.	15	7	2	1	5	29	25	26
Rockdale Linden	15	7	2	0	6	33	35	25
St George	15	5	4	0	6	25	35	23
Bankstown City	15	5	1	0	9	35	39	17
CYC Stanmore	15	4	1	0	10	21	35	14
Sutherland Shire	15	2	4	0	9	24	41	14
Eastern Suburbs	14	2	3	1	8	18	32	13
Wollongong Utd	15	0	2	0	13	13	67	4

UNDER 18

St George	15	9	3	2	1	32	14	35
Blacktown City	14	9	3	0	2	38	14	33
Leichhardt Tigers	15	9	3	0	3	32	24	33
NSW Academy	15	9	1	1	4	27	16	30
Rockdale Linden	15	9	0	0	6	61	25	27
CYC Stanmore	15	5	6	0	4	25	26	27
Adamstown R'bud	14	6	3	2	3	28	21	26
Warringah D.	15	6	2	0	7	33	24	22
Bankstown City	15	6	2	0	7	28	29	22
Canterbury Marr.	15	3	5	0	7	18	25	19
Bonnyrigg W.E.	15	2	5	1	7	21	37	17
Wollongong Utd	15	4	2	0	9	25	36	16
Eastern Suburbs	13	2	3	0	8	15	39	12
Sutherland Shire	15	2	0	0	13	13	66	6

DIVISION ONE - FIRST

Mt Druitt Town	11	9	1	0	1	38	9	29
Belmore Hercules	12	7	3	1	1	21	10	28
Auburn United	11	6	4	0	1	27	14	26
Macarthur Rams	11	6	2	1	2	25	11	23
Mt Pritchard	11	5	3	1	2	22	13	22
Central Coast	12	4	4	1	3	19	14	21
West Wanderers	12	4	2	1	5	15	19	17
Liverpool City	11	3	3	0	5	20	24	15
Hakoah	14	3	2	1	8	15	30	14
Gladesville Hsby	11	2	2	1	6	15	20	11
Dulwich Hill	11	3	0	1	7	13	27	10
Granville CSC	11	0	0	0	11	8	47	0

UNDER 21

West Wanderers	11	9	0	0	2	32	15	27
Mt Pritchard	11	8	1	0	2	41	13	26
Central Coast	11	7	2	0	2	27	9	25
Mt Druitt Town	11	7	2	0	2	27	17	25
Macarthur Rams	11	5	2	1	3	22	11	20
Dulwich Hill	11	5	1	2	3	17	8	19
Belmore Hercules	11	5	0	0	6	21	20	15
Gladesville Hsby	11	5	0	0	6	13	19	15
Auburn United	11	2	1	2	6	10	17	10
Granville CSC	11	3	0	0	8	14	22	9
Liverpool City	10	1	0	1	8	9	38	4
Hakoah	10	0	1	0	9	6	50	2

UNDER 18

Auburn United	11	9	0	1	1	40	6	28
West Wanderers	11	7	1	2	1	32	6	25
Mt Pritchard	11	7	1	1	2	20	8	24
Mt Druitt Town	11	6	2	1	2	28	9	23
Macarthur Rams	11	6	2	0	3	29	14	22
Gladesville Hsby	10	6	1	1	2	18	9	21
Granville CSC	11	3	3	1	4	26	14	16
Belmore Hercules	11	3	2	0	6	16	32	13
Central Coast	11	3	1	1	6	15	19	12
Dulwich Hill	11	2	2	0	7	23	28	10
Liverpool City	10	0	1	0	9	5	41	2
Hakoah	9	0	0	0	9	2	68	0

Sacking rumours denied by Jinky Joe

JOE Watson, the CYC Stanmore coach, denied rumours that his side's 0-0 draw with Canterbury Marrickville last weekend saved his job - which was on the line after six consecutive defeats.

"I've read the rumours in a couple of papers," admitted Watson, who took the club into the Super League after winning promotion from the First Division last season.

"But the club has been right behind me all season. "The draw with Canterbury should see us back on our winning ways over the next four or five weeks".

Earlier in the season Watson had taken the club to second place in the Super League after an impressive five match winning streak, but then suspension, injuries and players losing form saw the team's relatively small and inexperienced squad lose its way.

Former Socceroo Watson believes the club could still be in the Top Five at the end of the season.

"We play Wollongong, St George, Eastern Suburbs, Warringah Dolphins and Sutherland over the next five weeks.

"Over the next two weeks we will know if we have any part to play in the Top Five - we have to win our next two matches to remain in touch.

"We will have Jason Bennett back at the weekend and with Gary Phillips in superb form I believe we are coming back to our best."



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RATCLIFFE STAYS

BY PHIL MURPHY

IT'S OFFICIAL: David Ratcliffe will stay on as coach with Wollongong City next season.

Wolves chairman Brian Hastings made the announcement at the club's highly successful awards function at Fraternity Club last Saturday night.

It was the news players and supporters had been waiting for.

In recent weeks there had been speculation that Ratcliffe could be leaving Brandon Park.

A minority of club directors felt that after four seasons it was time for a change.

Sanity prevailed and Ratcliffe can start planning for his fifth campaign.

Last season Ratcliffe guided the Wolves into fourth spot - one better than the previous season.

In making the announcement, Hastings said there was never any doubt in his mind that Ratcliffe would stay on.

"There may have been some speculation around the place but as far as I was concerned there would be only one man for the job," Hastings said.

"We have become the envy of some clubs who spend a lot more money than we do after making the playoffs two years in succession.

"David Ratcliffe was largely responsible for that happening."

Ratcliffe has already started looking around for at least two new players for next season.

He said he is confident of attracting a midfielder and a striker to Brandon Park. "We also have to ensure we retain the likes of Mick Smith and Matt Horsley," the coach said.

"There is definitely a chance of Smith being lured away while Horsley could also be a target."

"We have to consolidate on the good work we have done on and off the field over the last two years."

A crowd of 580 packed Fraternity Club for the awards night with veteran centre-back Mick O'Shea taking home the major trophy.

O'Shea was named player of the year with centre-backs also taking out the other two awards.

David Kerr was named youth team player of the year with Steve Forshaw the club's rookie of the year.

Smith was voted the most entertaining player at the club. ASF president John Constantine attended the function with NSL manager Peter Russell.

Constantine paid tribute to the good work being done for the code in Wollongong and to the club's success on the field over the last two years.

He said Ratcliffe had played a major role in that success and he was pleased that the former Socceroo captain had been re-appointed.



CHARLIE YANKOS: like Ratcliffe set to stay with Wolves next season.

JOHN FOXMAN

Unfulfilled dreams

IN 1986, when playing for Melita Eagles, John Foxman, the Hakoah striker, was described as the new Marshall Soper.

This was certainly high praise for any young player but it was true that at the age of 21 Foxman had the football world at his feet.

During the 1984 season Foxman had already revealed his potential when he was awarded the NSL Youth League Player of the Year. He also made his first appearance in the National League for Sydney City against Melita Eagles in that season.

"I will never forget that match as I was lucky enough to score with my first touch in a 6-0 defeat of the Eagles," says Foxman.

"It was a childhood dream come true, playing with stars like Frank Farina, John Kosmina and Joe Watson in the sky blue colours."

It was ironical that being in such a star studded squad prevented John Foxman from making more than a handful of first team appearances for Sydney City.

"I didn't want to leave the club but first team football was what I wanted even if it meant playing in the State League," says Foxman.

In his debut season at Melita Eagles, John Foxman scored 12 goals and it looked as though he would fulfill his earlier promise. However, he hadn't counted on the event of Round Five in 1987.

"I had scored six goals up till the match against Warringah Freshwater and ever present in my mind was a return to NSL football," relates Foxman.

"The tackle came out of nowhere and I felt a fierce pain in my right knee".

It was a cruciate ligament injury which forced Foxman to later have a knee reconstruction.

After spending a season in Israel and making limited appearances with the Maccabi Club, Foxman joined forces with Eastern Suburbs Lions in their first season in Super League last season.

"I was really feeling confident until it happened again," says Foxman.

"I was involved in a tackle with a Blacktown defender in the fifth round when I felt my left knee cave in."

At the end of 1992 Foxman was given a free transfer to Hakoah in Division One. Amazingly John Foxman is still only 27. As Foxman relates; "Who know where I'd be now if it hadn't been for that first knee injury at Melita, and although I'm still struggling with both knees I've still managed to put away six goals this year."

"I intend having an arthroscopy on my left knee in September so I'm hoping next season will be even better."

Against Belmore last week Foxman came on as a second half substitute and swung the pendulum towards Hakoah with his mazy runs - there is no doubt that John Foxman has plenty of good football left in him.

Injury heartache for Sterrey

WARRINGAH DOLPHINS coach Glenn Sterrey has suffered a cruel injury blow which threatens an early end his playing career.

The 34-year-old veteran defender has a suspected broken leg which, if confirmed, would rule him out for the rest of the season.

It is a heartbreak setback for Sterrey in his last season at Cromer Park after four years in charge of the Dolphins.

"I was desperate to finish off by playing the rest of the season but it looks like this won't happen now," said a sad Sterrey.

The injury occurred two weeks ago against Bankstown when Sterrey fell awkwardly after challenging for a ball in the air.

"At first I thought I had damaged my ankle ligaments because of the swelling but it turns out a bone in my leg could be broken," explained Sterrey. He will find out the exact extent of the injury after visiting a specialist this week.

"If it is broken I have been told the only answer is complete rest."

"At the moment, I can hardly put any weight on the leg, never mind run or jog," added Sterrey whose decision to quit follows a promotion at work which involves a transfer to Adelaide in October.

"I have pretty much decided to take a year off from the game once I get to South Australia to recharge the batteries," he said.

"And at my age there's no real chance of playing again at this level once I've been away that long," added Sterrey, a former National League star with Apia and Blacktown.

After guiding the Dolphins to the play-offs last season, Sterrey has watched his side struggle this term.

Their top five prospects took a further battering last weekend with a 4-0 thumping at home by league leaders Blacktown.



JASON POLAK: returning for the Dolphins after starring for the Socceroos.

But Sterrey has not given up hope of sneaking in although he admits it will take a dramatic return to form.

"There are 11 games left and to have any chance we have to win seven or even eight of them, which is a pretty big ask," he said.

The Dolphins will receive a boost for the trip to Adamstown with the return of Socceroo Jason Polak.

Signed on loan from National League club Newcastle, the midfielder has missed three games because of his World Cup commitments with Australia.

But his return will be offset by the loss of Frank Gigliotti and Wayne Pierce who have been called up to New South Wales squad for the state of origin clash with Queensland at Perry Park in Brisbane on Saturday.

"Their absence will obviously hurt us but there is no way we would stand in the way when it comes to representative football," said Sterrey.

RESULTS

DIVISION TWO - FIRST GRADE

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southern Minotaur	14	9	2	1	2	30	13	32
North Ryde	14	8	4	0	2	26	13	32
Bathurst '75	14	8	1	1	4	19	12	27
Fairfield Bulls	14	8	1	0	5	35	25	26
Bankstown	13	6	2	3	2	18	11	25
Penrith	14	4	4	1	5	21	21	21
Parramatta City	14	5	3	0	6	22	25	21
Sydney Districts	13	4	3	0	6	24	27	18
Hills United	14	3	4	1	6	13	18	18
Granville Green	14	4	2	1	7	27	33	17
Fraser Park	14	3	3	0	8	16	37	15
Pagewood Botany	13	4	1	0	8	21	29	14
Concord Juniors	13	2	4	0	7	12	20	14

SECOND GRADE

Hills United	14	7	5	1	1	31	17	32
North Ryde	14	10	0	1	3	38	14	31
Penrith	14	9	1	1	3	35	20	30
Bathurst '75	14	7	4	0	3	25	20	29
Fairfield Bulls	14	6	3	0	5	36	29	24
Southern Minotaur	14	6	2	1	5	21	28	23
Granville Green	14	6	0	0	8	25	32	18
Bankstown	13	2	5	1	5	18	21	17
Parramatta City	14	4	1	2	7	17	23	16
Sydney Districts	13	4	1	1	7	20	30	15
Concord Juniors	13	4	0	2	7	15	20	14
Pagewood Botany	13	3	2	0	8	19	28	13
Fraser Park	14	3	2	0	9	20	38	13

DIVISION THREE - FIRST GRADE

St Johns Park	11	9	1	0	1	31	11	29
Hurstville ZSC	11	7	2	0	2	17	11	25
Trasandinos	11	6	3	0	2	25	15	24
Alexandria	11	5	1	2	3	21	14	19
Prospect Utd	10	5	2	0	3	17	13	19
Colo Colo	11	3	4	1	3	20	15	18
Arncliffe	11	3	4	1	3	20	19	18
AC United	11	4	2	1	4	21	16	17
University of NSW	11	4	1	0	6	11	20	14
Sporting SCC	11	2	1	0	8	12	27	8
GNS United	11	1	2	1	7	15	32	8
Orange Waratahs	10	1	1	0	8	8	25	5

DIVISION THREE - SECOND GRADE

AC United	11	7	2	1	1	25	8
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RESULTS

SUPER LEAGUE

Rockdale Ilinden vs Leichhardt Tigers	0-0
St George vs Bonnyrigg W.E.	3-3
Wollongong United vs Canberra Deakin	2-2
Sutherland Shire vs Bankstown City	1-3
Warringah Dolphin vs Blacktown City	0-4
Eastern Suburbs vs Adamstown Rosebud	cancelled
CYC Stanmore vs Canterbury M'ville	0-0

UNDER 21

Rockdale Ilinden vs Leichhardt Tigers	2-2
St George vs Bonnyrigg W.E.	1-3
Wollongong United vs Canberra Deakin	0-1
Sutherland Shire vs Bankstown City	2-2
Warringah Dolphin vs Blacktown City	1-6
Eastern Suburbs vs Adamstown Rosebud	cancelled
CYC Stanmore vs Canterbury M'ville	2-2

UNDER 18

Rockdale Ilinden vs Leichhardt Tigers	1-2
St George vs Bonnyrigg W.E.	5-0
Wollongong United vs Canberra Deakin	0-1
Sutherland Shire vs Bankstown City	3-1
Warringah Dolphin vs Blacktown City	0-1
Eastern Suburbs vs Adamstown Rosebud	cancelled
CYC Stanmore vs Canterbury M'ville	1-1

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE — FIRST

Auburn United vs West Wanderers	2-0
Dulwich Hill vs Mt Druitt Town	2-6
Hakoah vs Liverpool City	0-4
Macarthur Rams vs Mt Pritchard	0-3
Gladesville Hsby vs Central Coast	0-0
Granville CSC vs Belmore Hercules	1-6

UNDER 21

Auburn United vs West Wanderers	1-2
Dulwich Hill vs Mt Druitt Town	5-0
Hakoah vs Liverpool City	cancelled
Macarthur Rams vs Mt Pritchard	0-1
Gladesville Hsby vs Central Coast	0-3
Granville CSC vs Belmore Hercules	0-1

UNDER 18

Auburn United vs West Wanderers	0-1
Dulwich Hill vs Mt Druitt Town	0-3
Hakoah vs Liverpool City	cancelled
Macarthur Rams vs Mt Pritchard	2-0
Gladesville Hsby vs Central Coast	1-0
Granville CSC vs Belmore Hercules	0-2

FEDERATION DIVISION 2 — FIRST

Southern Minotaur vs Bathurst '75	4-0
Parramatta City vs Hills United	3-1
Fraser Park vs Concord Juniors	1-0
Granville Green. vs North Ryde	0-1
Penrith vs Bankstown	0-0
Fairfield Bulls vs Sydney Districts	3-1

FEDERATION DIVISION 3 — FIRST

Alexandria vs Trasandinos	1-1
Arncliffe vs Sporting SCC	1-1
AC United vs Uni of NSW	1-2
Colo Colo vs St Johns Park	1-4
GNS United vs Prospect United	1-1
Hurstville vs Orange Waratahs	2-0

SECOND

Alexandria vs Trasandinos	0-2
Arncliffe vs Sporting SCC	1-1
AC United vs Uni of NSW	0-0
Colo Colo vs St Johns Park	0-0
GNS United vs Prospect United	3-5
Hurstville vs Orange Waratahs	2-0

FEDERATION DIVISION 4 — FIRST

Canley Vale vs Springwood	6-4
CSI Schofield vs New Welcome Spts	5-2
Lansvale Zebras vs Sydney Uni	0-2
Prairiewood vs Hawkesbury Dist	0-0
Greystanes vs Lithgow Workmen	1-2
Bankstown Kings vs Balmain	1-2

FEDERATION DIVISION 5 — FIRST

Moorebank vs Kemps Creek Kings	1-1
Phoenix AFC vs Glebe Wanderers	1-0
Austral Racing vs Cobreloa	3-1
Gladesville Utd vs Kogarah El	2-2
St Josephs vs Willoughby City	1-0
United Eagles vs White City	1-2
Marrickville vs Ashbury	3-1

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION



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NSW SOCCERBLUES will be representing Australia in this year's President's Cup. The State of Origin series between Victoria, Queensland and NSW has been cancelled.

Only NSW v Queensland will be played. The first game will be this weekend, Saturday, June 12 at Perry Park, Brisbane. The return leg will be at Marconi Stadium on Saturday, July 10 at Mitre 10 Stadium.

THE 20TH PRESIDENT'S CUP INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

GROUP A

Korea National "A" team
Egypt National "A" team
China PR National "Olympic" team
Mexico "Deportivo Atlante. A.C. Football Club" team

GROUP B

Korea National "B" team
NSW Soccerblues
Romanian Professional League Selection
Czechoslovakian National League Selection

GROUP A MATCHES

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THE 18-MAN

CONTAINING 14 NATIONAL LEAGUE STARS AND FOUR SUPER LEAGUE PLAYERS

MARSHALL SOPER (CAPTAIN)

CLUB: Parramatta Eagles & Bankstown City

D.O.B: 12/5/61

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Apia, Sydney Olympic, Wollongong City, Canterbury Marrickville.

POSITION: Striker

The former Socceroo will lead the NSW State team during the President's Cup. Soper is currently playing with Super League side Bankstown City, and will lead the forward line with David Seal or Zlatko Arambasic.

AYTEC GENC

CLUB: Parramatta Eagles

D.O.B: 32.66

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bankstown, Marconi-Fairfield, Uruguay Penrith.

POSITION: Midfield

One of the most skilful players in the National League, and was desperately unlucky not to be involved with the Socceroos during their World Cup qualifier with New Zealand. Will be a crucial player for the Soccerblues as he gets the strikers involved in the game with his penetrating through balls.

ANDY HARPER

CLUB: Marconi-Fairfield

D.O.B: 13/5/67

PREVIOUS CLUB: St George

POSITION: Midfield/Striker

Underrated player, who has had a great season, knocking in 17 goals as his team won the grand final. Another player who can count himself unlucky that he was not called up for the Socceroos this year.

PAUL SOURIS

CLUB: Parramatta Eagles & Canterbury Marrickville

D.O.B: 2/8/71

PREVIOUS CLUB: Leichhardt Tigers

POSITION: Defender

Talented defender who can also operate in midfield. Is used as a sweeper for Canterbury, and coach Raleasic will no doubt use Souris in the same position for the Soccerblues.

BRAD MALONEY

CLUB: Leichhardt Tigers

PREVIOUS CLUBS: AIS, Leichhardt Tigers, Blacktown City, Canberra Metro, Newcastle BHP Breakers.

POSITION: Midfield

Talented Olyroo star has been involved in a transfer wrangle with Newcastle and his new club Leichhardt Tigers which has prevented him playing for the last two months. Once fully fit will slot into the team and should combine well with Genc.

FRANK GIGLIOTTI

CLUB: Warringah Dolphins

D.O.B: 17.1.72

POSITION: Midfield

Unpredictable playmaker who is an interesting selection by coach Raleasic

in Korea

Korea A v Egypt
China PR v Mexico
21/6/93
Venue-Sooncheon Stadium
Egypt v China PR
Mexico v Korea
23/6/93
Venue-Changwon Stadium
Mexico v Egypt
China PR v Korea A

GROUP B MATCHES

20/6/93
Venue-Kangnaung Stadium
Czech v NSW Soccerblues
Korea B v Romania
22/6/93
Czech v Romania
NSW Soccerblues v Korea B
24/6/93
Venue-Ulsan Stadium
Romania v NSW Soccerblues
Korea B v Czech
26/6/93
Semi-Final Matches
Venue-Pusan Kuduk Stadium
Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A
Runner-Up Group B v Winner Group A
28/6/93
Venue-Seoul Olympic Stadium
The Final



ATEK GENC



ANDY HARPER



JOHN GIBSON



DAVID SEAL

NSW STATE SQUAD

Formed a useful striking partnership with David Seal at Olympic this year, and Rasic hopes that combination will continue for the Soccerblues.

GERRY GOMEZ

CLUB: Parramatta Eagles & Hakoah

D.O.B: 18.8.60

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sydney City, Blacktown, Marconi-Fairfield, Canterbury Marickville.

POSITION: Defender/Midfielder

Gomez is the veteran of the Soccerblues side and his versatility and frequent goalscoring raids will be useful in Korea. His ability in the air is always a danger at set pieces.

ROBERT WHEATLEY

CLUB: Parramatta Eagles

D.O.B: 17.1.62

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Blacktown City, Marconi-Fairfield

POSITION: Defender

Now in the twilight of his career, Wheatley will be challenged for the sweeping position by his team-mate Paul Souris, which could see the former Socceroo move to a full-back position.

MIKE SMITH

CLUB: Wollongong City & Eastern Suburbs

D.O.B: 30.4.69

PREVIOUS CLUBS: St Johnstone, Alloa, Eastern Suburbs

Position: Sweeper, midfield or striker. Smith is currently involved in transfer negotiations with a couple of National League sides which could see him leave the Wolves after two successful seasons. He is now playing with Eastern Suburbs in the Super League.

DAMON LANGAN

CLUB: Blacktown City

D.O.B: 28.3.72

POSITION: Stopper

Called up to the Soccerblues side after some impressive performances for the Demons over the last two seasons. Could well be playing in the National League next season if he can transfer his Super League form to the NSW State side.

STEVEN BERRY

CLUB: Blacktown City

D.O.B: 29.8.68

POSITION: Midfield

Berry can be used as a wide midfield player, and also scores his fair share of goals. At 24, Berry will be hoping for good performance during the President's Cup will get the attention of some National League coaches.

MATTHEW BINGLEY

CLUB: Marconi-Fairfield

D.O.B: 16.8.71

PREVIOUS CLUB: St George

POSITION: Defender

Bingley could be doubtful for the squad as he could be promoted to the Socceroo team to face AC Milan next week. Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson, concerned over his defence, sees Bingley as a more mobile defender than either Dominic Longo or Alex Tobin.

PETER GUNNING

CLUB: Parramatta Eagles

D.O.B: 28.2.68

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Newcastle (Junior), AIS, Canberra, Warringah Dolphins

POSITION: Goalkeeper

First team choice for the Soccerblues and now regarded as the third ranked goalkeeper in Australia. Gunning still has his critics, who feel he still makes the occasional blunder.

BRETT HUGHES

CLUB: Wollongong United

POSITION: Goalkeeper
Hughes replaced Marconi-Fairfield keeper Mark Schwarzer in the Soccerblues squad. Schwarzer, the Goalkeeper of the Year, made himself unavailable due to a trial in Germany

DAVID SEAL

CLUB: Sydney Olympic

D.O.B: 26.1.72

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sydney Croatia, Marconi-Fairfield

POSITION: Striker

For the last two weeks Seal has been in Belgium trying to secure a professional contract overseas. Seal has made himself available for Rasic and the Soccerblues, and will be another automatic selection in the first team.

WAYNE PIERCE

CLUB: Warringah Dolphins

D.O.B: 24.1.67

POSITION: Midfield

One of only four non-NSL players in the State team, (Gigliotti, Berry, Langan), Pierce is a capable, committed midfielder who, although a fringe player, will give a 100 per cent if called into action.

JOHN GIBSON

CLUB: Sydney CSC

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Blacktown City, Leichhardt Tigers

Described as "Martin Peters" for his uncanny ability to appear from nowhere and score vital goals at the far post. Started the season well with CSC, grabbing six goals, before suffering a goal drought which saw him net only one more during the whole of the season. Was back to goalscoring form for Leichhardt Tigers scoring four goals in six games.

◆ FIXTURES ◆

DIVISION TWO - ROUND 16		
Pagewood Botany	vs Fraser Park	Saturday
Concord Juniors	vs Bathurst '75	Sunday
North Ryde	vs bye	
Granville Green.	vs Bankstown	Sunday
Hills United	vs Penrith	Sunday
Sydney Districts	vs Parramatta City	Monday
Fairfield Bulls	vs Southern Minotaur	Sunday
DIVISION THREE - ROUND 12		
Alexandria	vs AC United	Sunday
Arncliffe	vs Trasandinos	Sunday
Colo Colo	vs Sporting SCC	Sunday
GNS United	vs St Johns Park	Sunday
Hurstville	vs Prospect United	Saturday
University of NSW	vs Orange Waratahs	Sunday
DIVISION FOUR - ROUND 12		
Canley Vale	vs Lansvale Zebras	Sunday
CSI Schofield	vs Springwood	Saturday
Prairiewood	vs New Welcome Spts	Sunday
Greystanes	vs Hawkesbury Dist	Saturday
Bankstown Kings	vs Lithgow Workmens	Sunday
Sydney University	vs Balmain	Saturday
Balmain	vs CSI Schofield	Monday
DIVISION FIVE - ROUND 12		
Willoughby City	vs United Eagles	Sunday
White City	vs Bye	
Kogarah Waratahs	vs St Josephs	Saturday
Cobreloa	vs Gladesville Utd	Saturday
Glebe Wanderers	vs Racing	Saturday
Kemps Creek Kings	vs Phoenix	Saturday
Ashbury	vs Moorebank	Sunday
Maroubra United	vs Marrickville	Saturday
WOMENS - ROUND 12		
Parramatta City	vs Sydney Olympic	Sunday
Sutherland Shire	vs Bathurst '75	Sunday*
Sutherland Shire	vs Rooty Hill	Sunday**
White City	vs Liverpool City	Sunday
Gladesville Raven	vs Marconi	Monday
* 1st Grade only ** 2nd Grade only		

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION



SUPER LEAGUE

SATURDAY JUNE 12

Blacktown City vs Sutherland Shire

ROUND 16

Gabbie Stadium

SUNDAY JUNE 13

Rockdale Iilinden vs Canberra Deakin
Adamstown Rosebud vs Warringah Dolphins
Eastern Suburbs vs Bonnyrigg W.E.
Canterbury M.O. vs St George
CYC Stanmore vs Wollongong United

Seymour Shaw
Adamstown Oval
E.S. Marks Field
Arlington Oval
Wentworth Park

Lowenbrau Keller MATCH OF THE ROUND

Bankstown City vs Leichhardt Tigers Jensen Park

MATCH TIMES (Unless otherwise stated)

1st Grade 3PM U21's 1PM U/18's 11AM

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE

SATURDAY JUNE 12

Liverpool City vs Dulwich Hill
Gladesville Hornsby vs West Wanderers

ROUND 12

Ernie Smith Res.
Christie Park

SUNDAY JUNE 13

Auburn United vs Mt Pritchard
Hakoah vs Macarthur Rams
Granville CSC vs Central Coast
Belmore Hercules vs Mt Druitt Town

Mona Park
Christie Park
TBA
Blick Oval

MATCH TIMES (Unless otherwise stated)

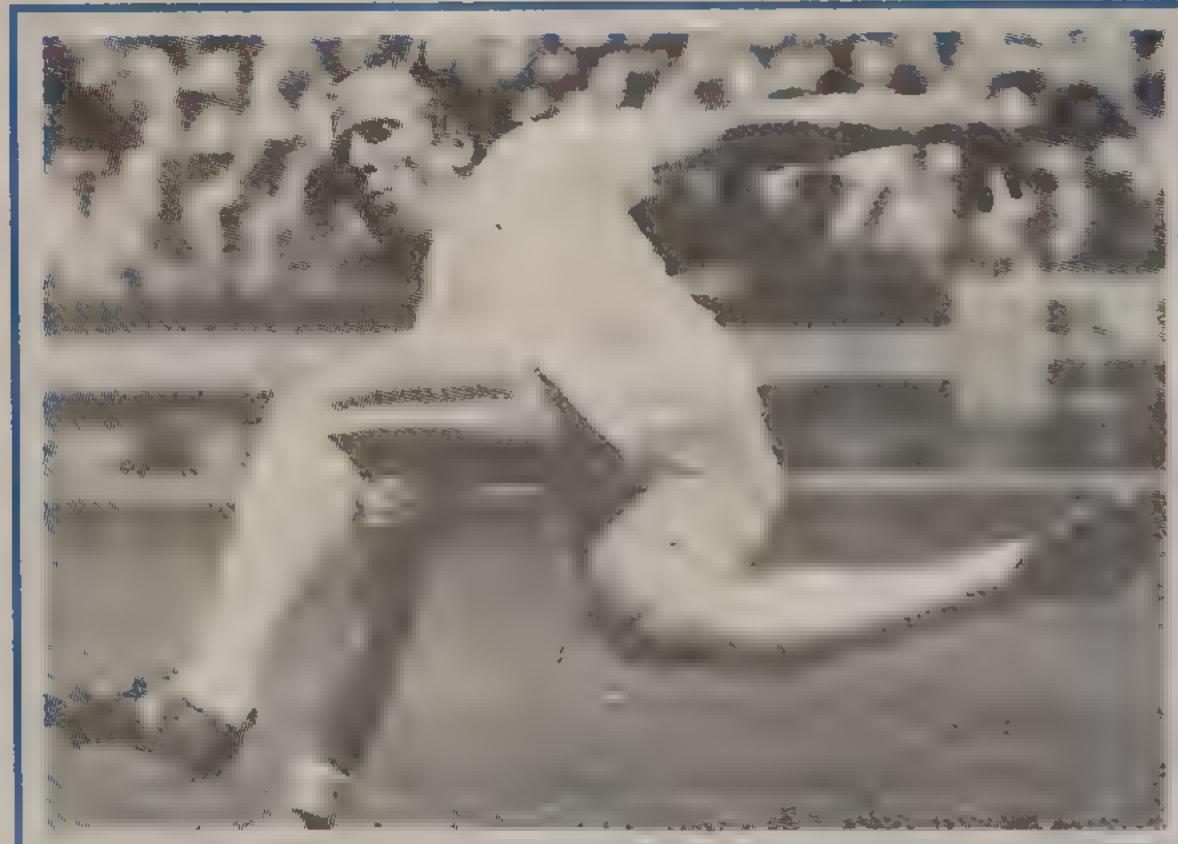
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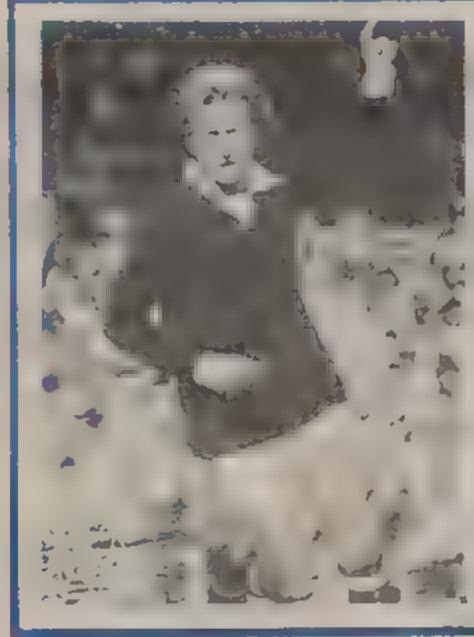
A LOOK BACK AT 67-68



The legendary Bobby Charlton tries a volley for England.



NOBBY STILES



DENNIS LAW



George Best with Footballer of the Year trophy.

1967-68

THE STARS OF 1967/68

DENIS LAW

Scottish legend and United hero, Law was brilliant in the air and one of the most lethal strikers in front of goal the game has ever seen. Mobile and quick, Law and Best up front became icons of the United terraces.

NOBBY STILES

The midfield hard man of England's 1966 World Cup team, Stiles was also crucial to the United side with his tenacious play in midfield. Not many players ever said they had an easy game against 'Nobby.'

BOBBY CHARLTON

Charlton won everything in the game and deservedly so. One of the best strikers of a ball, Bobby could hit the ball superbly from 30 or even 40 meters.

GEORGE BEST

Legend. In 1967/68, Best not only won the League Championship and European Cup with United but also became the Footballer of the Year. Not only created goals with his unique brand of individual skill but also scored on a regular basis.

It took 26-years but Manchester United finally reclaimed the League Championship this season after finishing 10 points ahead of their nearest challengers, Ron Atkinson's Aston Villa.

We take a look at the crucial players who made it possible and a of 1967-68 season, when double, the League and European Champions' Cup.

HOW THEY FINISHED 1992/93 PREMIER LEAGUE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Man Utd	42	14	5	2	39	14	42	14	5	2	39	14
Aston Villa	42	13	5	3	36	16	42	13	5	3	36	16
Norwich C.	42	13	6	2	31	19	42	13	6	2	31	19



League Champions

1992-93



Look back at the stars United lifted the championship and the

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IER LEAGUE

AWAY

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
10	7	4	28	17	84	
8	6	7	21	24	74	
8	3	10	30	46	72	

THE STARS OF 1992/93

RYAN GIGGS

The 19-year-old United forward has had a stunning season and is currently the subject of a \$10 million offer from Italian giants AC Milan. With United qualifying for the European Champions' Cup, the Cardiff born and Welsh international will probably stay with the club for another season before trying his luck abroad.

PETER SCHMEICHEL

Now regarded as one the best goalkeepers in the world. He has been one of Alex Ferguson's best signings. The Danish international has been as consistent as ever has his superb reflex saves gave United at least 10 points last season.

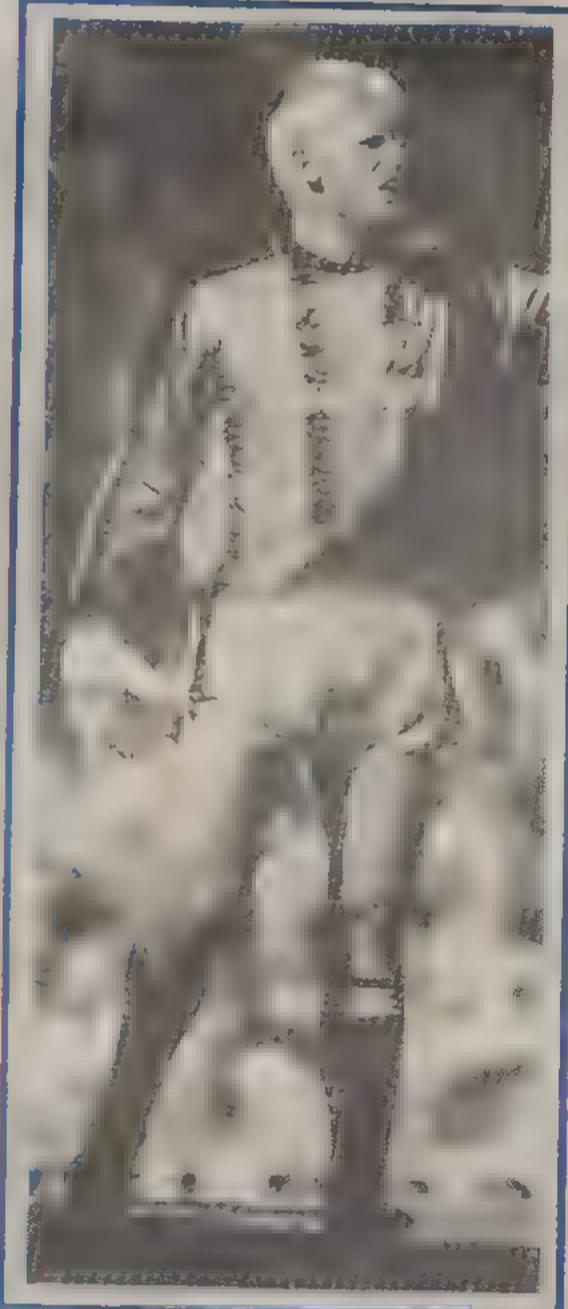
PAUL INCE

The midfield star for United and England this season. Has for the last two seasons promised so much but this season delivered match winning performances in the middle of the park. Has taken over from his idol, Bryan Robson, as the midfield general.

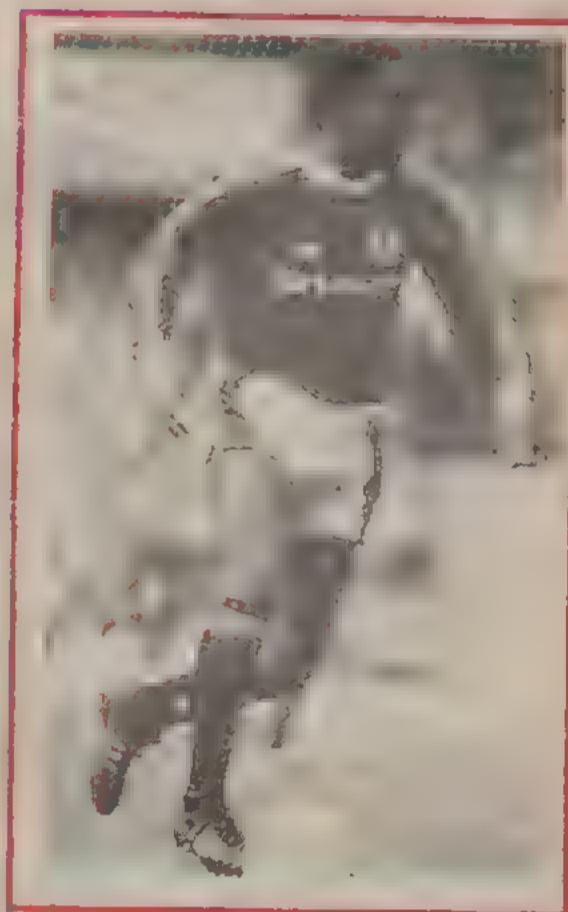
ERIC CANTONA

Leeds United made the blunder of the season when they released the French striker. Cantona has now picked up his second League Championship medal in a row and his individual brilliance and his sheer presence put pressure on the United forward line at the right time.

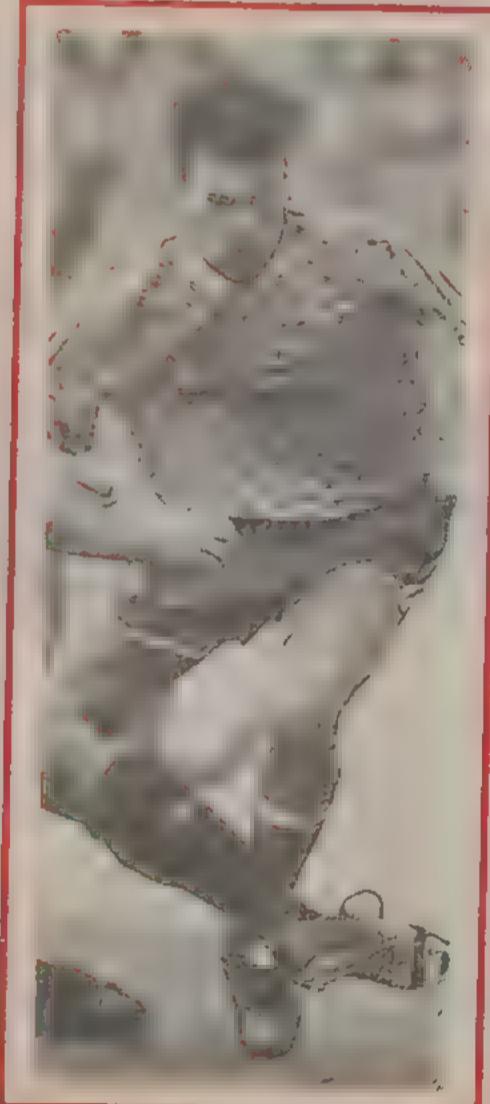
26 YEARS LATER
92-93



PETER SCHMEICHEL



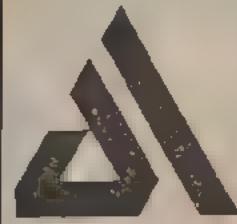
PAUL INCE



RYAN GIGGS



ERIC CANTONA



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VICTORIAN LADDERS

LEAGUE TABLE AS AT

SATURDAY JUNE, 05 1993

PREMIER LEAGUE OF VICTORIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ALTONA GATE	14	11	1	2	40	21	23
BULLEEN	15	10	2	3	33	18	22
SUNS.GEORGE X	14	9	2	3	22	12	20
BRUN.UTD.JUV	14	7	4	3	32	13	18
FAWKNER	15	6	6	3	21	16	18
GREEN GULLY	14	3	8	3	18	19	14
CROYDON CITY	14	5	4	5	16	24	14
SPRINGVALE CITY	14	4	5	5	34	21	13
KNOX CITY	14	5	3	6	22	26	13
THOMASTOWN	14	4	5	5	16	21	13
ST.ALBANS	14	5	2	7	36	32	12
NORTH GEELONG	15	2	5	8	18	25	9
CAULFIELD CITY	14	2	2	10	20	54	6
ALBION	15	2	1	12	16	42	5

STATE LEAGUE

STATE LEAGUE - DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
D'CASTER ROVERS	12	6	4	2	27	8	16
FRANKSTON PINES	12	7	2	3	30	13	16
NORTHCOTE CITY	12	7	2	3	18	10	16
WERRIBEE CITY	12	7	2	3	19	13	16
RICHMOND	12	7	1	4	23	16	15
BELL PARK	12	5	5	2	18	14	15
PORT MELBOURNE	12	6	2	4	26	18	14
RINGWOOD CITY	12	5	3	4	18	18	13
BR'MEADOWS CITY	12	5	2	5	15	15	12
WESTERN SUBURBS	12	3	5	4	17	20	11
OAKLEIGH	12	4	1	7	9	19	9
MORDIALLOC	12	2	2	8	8	24	6
WESTGATE	12	1	3	8	11	31	5
ALTONA CITY	12	0	4	8	8	28	4

STATE LEAGUE - DIVISION 1 RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
PORT MELBOURNE	12	9	3	0	40	16	21
DONCTER ROVERS	12	8	4	0	29	10	20
RICHMOND	12	8	2	2	32	16	18
WERRIBEE CITY	12	5	6	1	22	12	16
FRANKSTON PINES	12	6	2	4	35	27	14
BELL PARK	12	5	4	3	20	19	14
BROADMEADOWS	12	4	4	4	13	8	12
WESTERN SUBURBS	12	5	2	5	25	21	12
RINGWOOD CITY	12	3	5	4	21	20	11
ALTONA CITY	12	4	3	5	13	17	11
OAKLEIGH	12	2	2	8	19	25	6
NORTHCOTE CITY	11	2	1	8	13	33	5
MORDIALLOC	12	2	0	10	8	42	4
WESTGATE	11	0	2	9	7	31	2

STATE LEAGUE - DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BOX HILL INTER	12	10	0	2	33	11	20
CHELSEA	12	7	3	2	20	10	17
SPRINGVALE UTD.	12	8	1	3	21	12	17
SUNBURY UNITED	12	6	3	3	21	9	15
BENT.GREENS	12	7	1	4	18	12	15
EAST BRUN/IVAN	12	7	1	4	17	13	15
SOUTH CAULFIELD	12	7	1	4	24	22	15
CLARINDA	12	5	2	5	23	21	12
NUNAWADING CITY	12	6	0	6	22	20	12
WAVERLEY CITY	12	2	5	5	15	20	9
CLIFTON HILL	12	3	3	6	13	21	9
SANDHAM CITY	12	3	1	8	8	22	7
MOOROOLBARK	12	1	1	10	9	31	3
DOVETON	12	0	2	10	6	26	2

STATE LEAGUE - DIVISION 2 RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BOX HILL INTER	12	11	1	0	46	5	23
CHELSEA	12	9	2	1	28	9	20
SPRINGVALE UTD.	12	6	2	4	24	17	14
BENT.GREENS	12	6	2	4	22	18	14
SOUTH CAULFIELD	12	6	1	5	28	20	13
CLIFTON HILL	12	4	4	4	18	20	12
CLARINDA	12	5	1	6	29	15	11
WAVERLEY CITY	12	3	5	4	21	17	11
SUNBURY UNITED	12	4	3	5	13	17	11
MOOROOLBARK	12	2	6	4	25	27	10
EAST BRUN/IVAN	12	2	6	4	25	27	10
NUNAWADING CITY	12	2	5	5	19	23	9
SANDRIGHAM CITY	12	1	3	8	9	30	5
DOVETON	12	1	2	9	7	65	4

STATE LEAGUE - DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
LALOR UTD	14	10	2	2	40	17	22
ESSENDON CITY	14	9	4	1	21	10	22
STH.DANDEONG	14	10	1	3	32	11	21
REGENT-BULLA	14	9	3	2	29	21	21
SOUTH WERRIBEE	14	7	3	4	21	16	17
MOORABBIN CITY	14	7	2	5	30	18	16
PASCOE VALE	14	7	2	5	30	20	16
MELBOURNE CITY	14	5	4	4	24	16	15
FITZROY CITY	14	6	1	7	28	25	13
KEILOR EAGLES	14	5	3	6	14	17	13
ELT.DIAM.VALLEY	14	4	2	8	19	22	10
SEAFORD UNITED	14	3	3	8	18	41	9

Holophane Sun-Lighting Premier League Ladder following last weekend's matches:

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P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

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MONBULK	10	7	1	2	28	13	15
HOPPERS CROSS.	10	6	2	2	19	10	14
GLENROY	10	5	4	1	21	13	14
OLD SCOTCH	10	5	2	3	28	13	12
KNOX PARK	10	5	1	4	20	21	11
KEYSBOROUGH	10	2	5	3	15	14	9
WANTIRNA	10	3	2	5	18	25	8
EAST RICHMOND	10	3	1	6	22	29	7
LYNDALE UTD	10	2	2	6	19	26	6
NTH. SUNSHINE	11	1	1	9	17	36	3
HAMPTON PARK	10	0	1	9	8	49	1

PROV LEAGUE - DIVISION 3							
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
UNI.MELB.BLUES	11	6	3	2	23	15	15
CARRUM UNITED	11	6	3	2	19	12	15
MONASH UNI.	11	6	2	3	22	13	14
BRAESIDE UNITED	11	5	4	2	20	12	14
MITCHAM UNITED	11	6	2	3	18	13	14
MEADOW PARK	11	4	5	2	16	13	13
KEILOR UNITED	11	3	6	2	16	15	12
SOUTH YARRA	11	4	3	4	12	14	11
KEW EAGLES	11	3	4	4	18	17	10
ELWOOD CITY	11	3	4	4	17	16	10
MELB.UNI.	11	4	1	6	14	15	9
FLEMINGTON	11	3	1	7	10	25	7
RIVERSDALE	11	2	1	8	12	23	5
RINGWOOD ROVERS	11	1	3	7	13	27	5

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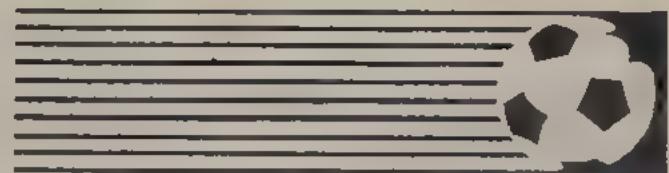
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MELB.UNI.	11	4	3	4	16	19	11
RIVERSDALE	11	4					



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NORTHERN UNDER 14C LEAGUE - 1993 NORTHERN 14C									
THOMASTOWN A	8	4	1	3	20	16	9		
BRUNS UTD JUVE B	6	3	1	2	14	7	7		
REGENT-BULLA	5	3	1	1	12	5	7		
B'MEADOWS CITY A	9	3	1	5	26	26	7		
HEIDUTD.BLACK	8	2	1	5	18	21	5		
ET BRUNS/IVAN	9	1	0	8	12	34	2		
BRUNS CITY A	8	0	0	8	3	58	0		
NORTHERN UNDER 16A LEAGUE - 1993 NORTHERN 16A									
ESS CITY JETS	7	5	1	1	21	7	11		
BRUNSWICK CITY	5	4	0	1	16	5	8		
KEON PARK	6	3	1	2	12	9	7		
CLIFTON HILL	■	1	4	1	10	12	6		
REGENT-BULLA	4	1	3	0	9	8	5		
FAWKNER	5	2	1	2	9	8	5		
BRUNSK UTD.JUV.A	■	1	2	2	9	10	4		
THOMASTOWN	6	0	3	3	8	12	3		
EAST RICHMOND	6	0	1	5	3	26	1		
NORTHERN UNDER 16B LEAGUE - 1993 NORTHERN 16B									
BRUNS UTD JUVE B	7	7	0	0	38	5	14		
LALOR UTD.BEES	7	4	1	2	25	17	9		
ELTHAM NORTH	■	4	1	1	21	13	9		
NORTH RESERVOIR	6	4	0	2	13	7	8		
NORTH GLENROY	■	3	0	3	15	14	6		
SOUTHERN UNDER 12A LEAGUE - 1993 SOUTHERN 12A									
SPRINGVALE CITY	6	5	0	1	13	4	10		
CHELSEA	6	4	1	1	10	2	9		
BEAUMARIS A	7	4	1	2	12	10	9		
SRINGHAM REDS	5	3	0	2	7	7	6		
MORNINGTON A	7	2	1	4	8	10	5		
SPG. UTD SHARKS	6	1	3	2	7	10	5		
DINGLEY A	6	2	1	3	6	9	5		
BRIGHTON	3	2	0	1	6	2	4		
DANDEON	6	0	2	4	6	13	2		
BEAUMARIS BEES	4	0	1	3	2	10	1		
SOUTHERN UNDER 12B LEAGUE - 1993 SOUTHERN 12B									
DOVETON A	5	5	1	0	■	6	11		
SDRINGHAM WHIT	7	4	2	1	21	14	10		
PENINSULA A	6	4	0	2	■	7	8		
LANGWARRIN A	3	3	0	0	13	3	6		
SOUTH SPRVALE	5	3	0	2	8	12	6		
SEAFORD UTD A	6	1	2	3	13	13	4		
BERWICK CITY	■	2	0	4	7	12	4		
ET BENTLEIGH GRN	3	1	1	1	5	5	3		
KARINGAL UTD A	6	0	1	5	9	28	1		
EAST BTLEIGH GD	6	0	1	5	5	47	1		
SOUTHERN UNDER 12C LEAGUE - 1993 SOUTHERN 12C									
SPG CITY BOMB	5	5	0	0	28	4	10		
DOVETON BEES	5	4	0	1	21	3	8		
SPGVALE UTD.EAG	6	4	0	2	16	7	8		
HAMPTON PARK	4	3	0	1	14	4	6		
MORDIALLOC SPA	6	3	0	3	12	12	6		
CARRUM UNITED	6	2	0	4	8	18	4		
SPGVALE CON	7	2	0	5	5	20	4		
BRIGHTON BEES	2	1	0	1	5	3	2		
HASTINGS	7	1	0	6	3	34	2		
NTH CAULFIELD	2	0	0	2	1	8	0		
SOUTHERN UNDER 12D LEAGUE - 1993 SOUTHERN 12D									
LANGWARRIN BEES	6	6	0	0	33	0	12		
PENINSULA BEES	6	5	0	1	17	4	10		
SPRING CITY COB	7	4	1	2	19	16	9		
HAMPTON PK REDS	3	3	0	0	27	0	6		
CLAYTON INT BLK	4	3	0	1	18	5	6		
MORNINGTON BEES	7	2	0	5	6	27	4		
SANDRINGHAM BL	4	1	1	2	9	9	3		
BEAUMARIS C	4	1	0	3	■	20	2		
SVALE UTD HAWKS	7	1	0	6	5	28	2		
MORDIALLOC SPAB	6	0	0	6	0	28	0		
SOUTHERN UNDER 12E LEAGUE - 1993 SOUTHERN 12E									
BENTLEIGH GR	7	5	1	1	32	6	11		
FRANKSTON UTD	6	4	1	1	16	10	9		
SEAFORD UTD BEES	4	4	0	0	18	0	■		
DINGLEY BEES	5	3	0	2	10	5	0		
MORDIALLOC	5	2	0	3	8	8	4		
KARINGAL UTD BEES	2	1	0	1	5	3	2		
BAXTER	3	0	0	3	0	15	0		
STH.SPGVALE BEES	4	0	0	4	0	17	0		
BEAUMARIS D	4	0	0	4	0	25	0		
SOUTHERN UNDER 14A LEAGUE - 1993 SOUTHERN 14A									
STH.SPGVALE A	6	5	1	0	■	4	11		
BRIGHTON	6	5	0	1	■	9	10		
CARRUM UTD A	6	4	1	1	■	■	9		
BENTLEIGH GRNS A	7	4	1	2	19	15	9		
PENINSULA A	6	4	0	2	■	10	8		
SPRINGVALE CITY	7	3	0	4	15	27	6		
HAMPTON PARK	7	2	1	4	13	14	5		
S'GHAM GOLD	7	1	2	4	14	20	4		
BEAUMARIS A	3	0	0	3	2	10	0		
LANGWARRIN	7	0	0	7	1	33	0		
SOUTHERN UNDER 14B LEAGUE - 1993 SOUTHERN 14B									
SPG CITY BOM	7	6	1	0	33	■	13		

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

NOTE: A full round of Premier League games as well as selected State League League matches are set down to be played next Monday, June 14, the Queen's Birthday holiday.

The full draw for those games will appear in Monday's ABSW.

HOLOPHANE PREMIER LEAGUE

Saturday June 12 (Round 16)
Sunshine George Cross v Altona Gate
Albion v Bulleen
Thomastown v Croydon City
Green Gully v Fawkner
Knox City v Brunswick Juventus
Caulfield City v North Geelong
St Albans v Springvale City

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday June 12 (Round 13)

Waverley City v East.Brunns/Ivanhoe
Mooroolbark v Sunbury Utd
Chelsea v Springvale Utd
Sandringham City v Clarinda
Nunawading City v Box Hill Inter
Doveton v Bentleigh Greens
Fitzroy City v Melbourne City
Pascoe Vale v Essendon City
Dandenong - bye

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Sunday June 13 (Round 7)
East Kew v Diggers Rest
Latrobe Uni v Diamond Valley
Oakleigh Utd v Collingwood City
Sunshine Park v Nth Caulfield
Upfield v Waverley Wanderers

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WESTERN UNDER 12A LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 12A							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SUNSHINE HGTS A	6	5	1	0	24	5	11
SUNSHINE G.C. A	7	4	2	1	15	2	10
GREEN GULLY SLICKERS	7	4	1	2	16	12	9
ALTONA CITY A	7	3	2	2	14	10	8
SYDENHAM PARK A	7	4	0	3	12	9	8
ST. ALBANS	7	2	2	3	10	7	6
ALTONA GATE A	6	2	2	2	6	5	6
BELL PARK	7	2	1	4	7	17	5
MELBOURNE CSC A	7	2	0	5	10	25	4
WESTVALE A	7	0	1	6	5	27	1

WESTERN UNDER 12B LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 12B

WESTERN UNDER 12B LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 12B							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
GREEN GULLY JOEYS	6	5	1	0	15	7	11
GEELONG	6	5	0	1	14	4	10
KEILOR EAGLES	6	4	1	1	18	10	9
EAST GEELONG	6	2	1	3	9	12	5
MELTON	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
SOUTH WERRIBEE	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
SUNSHINE PARK	5	1	0	4	2	10	2
ALBION	5	0	0	5	6	17	0

WESTERN UNDER 12C LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 12C

WESTERN UNDER 12C LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 12C							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SYDHAM PK BEES	6	5	1	0	23	3	11
SUNSHINE G.X. B	7	5	1	1	21	8	11
ALTONA CITY BEES	7	5	1	1	19	9	11
NORTH GEELONG	6	4	0	2	19	8	8
ALTONA GATE BEES	7	2	1	4	10	14	5
ST ALBANS BEES	3	2	0	1	4	5	4
MELBOURNE CSC B	7	2	0	5	13	18	4
GREEN GULLY LIONS	7	1	1	5	10	19	3
SUNBURY UNITED	6	1	1	4	7	20	3
WESTERN SUBURBS	6	1	0	5	4	26	2

WESTERN UNDER 12D LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 12D

WESTERN UNDER 12D LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 12D							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
YARRAVILLE BEES	5	4	1	0	20	4	9
SUNSHINE HGTS MAG	6	4	1	1	14	8	9
WESTGATE	5	3	1	1	11	7	7
WERRIBEE CITY	6	2	0	4	6	13	4
WESTVALE BEES	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
ALTONA EAST	5	0	0	5	1	15	0

WESTERN UNDER 14A LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14A

WESTERN UNDER 14A LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14A							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ALTONA GATE A	6	6	0	0	25	3	12
ALTONA CITY	7	5	0	2	12	8	10
SHINE HTS UTD.	6	4	1	1	20	7	9
SOUTH WERRIBEE	7	4	1	2	11	9	9
GRN GULLY UTD	7	3	1	3	10	12	7
NORTH GEELONG	7	1	4	2	6	8	6
ALBION A	7	2	1	4	5	13	5
MELBOURNE CITY	6	2	0	4	6	11	4
SYDENHAM PARK	7	1	1	5	2	14	3
WESTGATE	6	0	1	5	4	18	1

WESTERN UNDER 14B LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14B

WESTERN UNDER 14B LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14B							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MELBOURNE CSC A	7	5	1	1	20	5	11
GREEN GULLY LIONS	7	5	1	1	19	9	11
MELTON A	6	3	2	1	12	6	8
BELL PARK	6	3	1	2	8	4	7
EAST GEELONG	6	3	1	2	8	9	7
ST. ALBANS A	6	2	1	3	14	10	5
SUNSHINE G.X.	3	2	0	1	12	5	4
GEELONG RANGERS	5	1	1	3	7	10	3
ALTONA GATE BEES	5	1	0	4	4	15	2
WERRIBEE CITY	7	0	0	7	4	35	0

WESTERN UNDER 14C LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14C

WESTERN UNDER 14C LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14C							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MELB CSC BEES	5	5	0	0	32	4	10
SSHINE HGTS SHKS	5	4	0	1	29	4	8
WESTVALE	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
YARRAVILLE	7	3	0	4	17	17	6
NTH GEELONG BEES	6	3	0	3	13	19	6
ST ALBANS BEES	6	2	0	4	21	15	4
GRN GULLY STRIKERS	5	1	0	4	4	21	2
ALBION BEES	5	1	0	4	3	22	2
MELTON BEES	2	0	0	2	0	25	0

WESTERN UNDER 14D LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14D

WESTERN UNDER 14D LEAGUE - 1993 WESTERN 14D							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ALTONA GATE C	5	4	0	1	14	4	8
ALTONA EAST	5	4	0	1	12	5	8
GRN GULLY SHARKS</							

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RESULTS

QUEENSLAND

XXXX LEAGUE

North Star 4 Acacia Ridge 1
North Brisbane 2 Brisbane Lions 1
Taringa Rovers 1 Coalstars 0
Mt Gravatt 4 Rochedale Rovers 4

DIVISION TWO

Willowburn 2 Olympic Utd 0
Slacks Ck 2 St Albans 2
The Gap 3 Grange Thistle 2
St Helens 3 Brisbane City 2
Wynnum 4 Souths Utd 1
Nerang 0 Beenleigh 6

DIVISION THREE

Annerley 0 Newmarket 1
Latrobe Valley 1 Logan City 0
Capalaba 5 Darra Utd 1
Albany Ck 1 Goodna 0
Redlands Utd 0 Uni of Qld 1
Mitchelton 3 South Star 2

DIVISION FOUR

Clairvaux 4 Redcliffe City 1
North Pine 2 Kenmore Rangs 1
Moggill Utd 1 Oxley Utd 0
Ipswich City 2 Pine Hills 0
Deception Bay 0 Samford Rangs 4
Brighton 0 Virginia 2

ACT

PREMIER LEAGUE — FIRST

Olympic 1 Weston Creek 2,
Juventus 3 Tuggeranong United 2,
Southern Cross 1 Belconnen United 0,
Canberra Deakin 4 Canberra City 1.

PREMIER LEAGUE — RESERVE

Olympic 4 Weston Creek 4,
Juventus 0 Tuggeranong United 1,
Southern Cross 1 Belconnen United 3.

PREMIER LEAGUE — YOUTH

Olympic 2 Weston Creek 0,
Juventus 3 Tuggeranong United 1,
Southern Cross 0 Belconnen United 1.

MASTERS

Canberra City 1 Juventus 1.

STATE LEAGUE ONE — FIRST

Uni of Canberra 0 Queanbeyan City 3, Goulburn 85 1 Latin America 1,
ADFA 2 Tuggeranong Valley 0,
Belconnen United 1 ANU 1.

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Tuggeranong United 2 Weston Creek 2.

STATE LEAGUE THREE

Latin America 4 ADFA 1.

STATE LEAGUE FOUR

Belconnen United 10 RMC 2,
Casino Canberra 5 Southern Cross 1.

NORTH COAST LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Sawtell 2 Westlawn 4,
Urunga 1 Port United 1,
Macleay Valley 2 Woolgoolga 4.

	P	W	D	L	BYES	F	A	Pts
Coffs Utd	7	6	1	-	2	15	4	25
Port United	8	5	2	1	1	15	8	20
Westlawn	7	3	2	2	1	13	9	14
Woolgoolga	7	2	2	3	2	11	13	14
Macleay Valley	7	2	2	3	1	10	12	11
Urunga	8	2	2	4	1	7	14	11
Sawtell	8	-	1	7	1	7	18	4

SECOND DIVISION

Sawtell 1 Westlawn 2,
Urunga 0 Port United 2,
Macleay Valley 0 Woolgoolga 1.

THIRD DIVISION

Westlawn 2 Sawtell 4,
Coffs United 2 Orara 2,
Macleay Valley 0 Woolgoolga 2.

FOURTH DIVISION

Boambee 4 Sawtell 5,
Coffs United 1 Orara 1,
Kempsey Utd 5 Bellingen 3,
Macleay Valley 4 Woolgoolga 4.

■ 1988 — Fittock and Alvos stand out as U/11 NSW Country players.

■ 1990 — both selected for intensive training program. Both a part of outstanding Junior Club and Representative teams.

■ 1991 — both selected at NSW Country Titles as members of NSW Country team, which finished fourth at National Championships. Alvos asked to train-on at the AIS.

■ 1992 — both obtained Premier Division positions with their Club teams. Fittock retained his position in the NSW Country team, while Alvos was selected into the NSW team.

October — the two teams meet in the National Championships and play a 1-1 draw. NSW went on to win the Championship, with NSW Country finishing in fourth position.

Three Lismore players were selected for the Under 17 Australian train-on squad — Alvos, Fittock and Bryan Keevers.

Fittock and Alvos were selected into the final squad and travelled to the Solomon Islands to contest the Oceania qualifying group.



ANTHONY ALVOS and ADAM FITTOCK: both players are from Lismore and were selected for the Joeys after having played for NSW Country at Junior level.

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

Round 2: Maroochydore 3 bt Noosa 0, Keebra Park 2 bt Nerang 1.
Rd 3: Shalom 6 bt Maryborough 0, Maroochydore 9 bt Nambour 1,
Grace 6 bt Morayfield 1, St Pats 2 bt Pine River 0, Wavell 2 bt
Cooparoo 0, Brisbane Boys 2 bt The Gap 0, Alexandra Hills 2 bt
McGregor 0, Runcorn 3 bt Kenmore 0, Ipswich Grammar 4 bt Bremer 1,
Harristown 4 bt Dalby 0, Shailer Park 2 bt Woodridge 0.

Round 3: Carlingford 4 bt Hunters Hill 1, Holy Cross 9 bt James Ruse 0, Ku-ring-gai 3 bt St Augustines 2, Dulwich 1 bt Randwick 0, Marist Bros Pagewood 3 bt St Spyridon 2, St Columbas 2 bt St Dominics 0,
Kingswood 5 bt Wimalee 0, Muirfield 3 bt Crestwood 2, Peakhurst 10
bt Sir Joseph Banks 0, East Hills 3 bt Marrickville 0, Sydney Tech 2 bt

James Cook 1, DLS Caringbah 2 bt St Pats Sutherland 1, Bossley Park 7
bt Moorebank 1, Patrician Bros Liverpool 2 bt St Johns Park 0,
Westfields 5 bt Robert Townson 1, Bellingen 5 bt Orara 0, Duval 2 bt
Armidale 0, Henry Kendall 4 bt St Edwards 2, Mater Dei 1 bt Lisarow 0,
Darnallan 2 bt Marist Bros Pearce 1, Belconnen 3 bt Eden 1, Kalinga 4
bt St Edmunds 3, St Francis Xavier 3 bt St Pats Goulburn 1, Broken Hill
1/4 bt South Dubbo 1/3, Kelso 9 bt Lithgow 0, Xavier 1 bt St Michaels 0,
Wodonga Catholic 4 bt Marian College 0, Colleambally 0/4 bt Yanco Ag
0/3, Griffith 1 bt Cootamundra 0, Woonona 4 bt Edmund Rice 2,
Ulladulla 2 bt Nowra 0, Wollongong 6 bt Kanahooka 0, Figtree 1 bt
Moss Vale 0.



Goal area action during match between West Wallsend and Kotara which Westy won 2-0..

ACTION FROM THE BILL TURNER CUP



Singleton striker Chris Penton beats two defenders and the Maitland Grossman goalkeeper Aaron Taylor. It took a penalty kick decider to see Singleton move on to the next round.



Every team appreciates support. At a recent Bill Turner Cup match between Broadmeadow and Glendale the Broadmeadow lads had their own cheer squad. Being the visiting team they didn't have much support so the presence of the cheer squad meant a lot to them. Pictured (l to r) back: Naomi Barber, Bobby Bozinovski, Victoria Linehan. Front: Louise Wilkie, Sharlene Robinson.

The World Game

KIWI CALLS IT A DAY!

NEW Zealand captain Malcolm Dunford's international career is over. While he had been injury prone recently, Dunford said that had nothing to do with his decision to quit the international scene after being a regular in the New Zealand team for the past 10 years.

Rather it was a desire to see more of his wife Nusia, daughter Aniela, 4, and sons Stasio, 2, and Jaslo, 10 months.

"I want to spend more time with them, to concentrate on being a husband and father," Dunford said.

"I've been very lucky in being able to play international football for so long."

Dunford, 30, said he hadn't liked making the decision but felt it was best to go out now, as captain.

He said it was only fair that coach Ian Marshall, having to start rebuilding for the next World Cup campaign, should know where he stood.

Dunford has been a great servant of New Zealand soccer since making his debut against Fiji in 1984.

Dunford said he will continue to play for Miramar this season and reassess his future after that.

Leading Antlers post fifth victory

SANTOS scored in the first half and Brazilian compatriot Alcindo scored in the second half as the Kashima Antlers beat the Yokohama Marinos 2-0 in the J-League in Japan.

Santos netted in the 14th minute and Alcindo scored it 11 minutes into the second half before 30,000 spectators at Hakata in southern Japan as League leading Antlers posted its third straight win.

It was Alcindo's sixth goal, leading the League's scoring ranking.

After drawing in the 90-minute regulation period and a 30-minute extra time, Verdy Kawasaki won the five-kick penalty shootout 5-4 and beat the Yokohama Flugels.

Nobuhiro Takeda scored with a volley shot from the just outside of the penalty area after receiving a long pass from Tsuyoshi Kitazawa six minutes into the second half as Verdy took a 1-0 lead.

The two teams battled to a scoreless first half before 55,000 spectators at Tokyo's National Stadium.

Just two minutes later, 20-year-old Aldro of Brazil scored for Flugels as the two drew 1-1 before playing the extra time without a goal.

In the shootout, Verdy made all five shots but Flugels missed one.

Verdy improved its record to four-win, three-defeat while Flugels dropped to 3-4, suffering its third straight loss.

Ace striker Akihiro Nagashima netted three goals as the Gamba Osaka posted the 3-1 come-from-behind victory over the Nagoya Grampus Eight. Nagoya went ahead 1-0 on Brazilian Jorzinbo's 22m free-kick nine minutes into the first



LOTHAR MATTHUS: scored for Bayern Munich.

half.

At Hiroshima, Hajime Moriyama booted the game's only goal 26 minutes into the second half as the Sanfrecce Hiroshima defeated the Urawa Red Diamonds 1-0.

extending Hiroshima's winning streak to four.

Shimizu S-Pulse scored one goal in an extra period to beat the JEF United Ichihara 2-1 at Ichihara, southeast of Tokyo.

Marseille boss fights back over bribe claims

OLYMPIQUE
Marseille president Bernard Tapie has counter-attacked against accusations of bribing opponents made against his team.

The owner of the European and French champions alleged that Valenciennes officials had asked him whether he would agree to a draw before their May 20 league match.

"There were several witnesses present," said Tapie in a statement released in reaction to the French league's official request for a police investigation into bribe claims made by a Valenciennes player.

Valenciennes defender Jacques Glassmann said he had been telephoned by a Marseille player before the game and then offered money by a club official to throw the game.

Tapie said he had total confidence in Jean-Jacques Eydelie and Jean-Pierre Berne, the player and club official named in the bribing allegations. Berne, the Marseille vice-president, has also made an official complaint to the police.



RAYMOND GOETHALS: has left Marseille and the controversy.



MARCEL DESAILLY: the 24-year-old Ghana-born Frenchman who won the 1992/93 European Champions' Cup in his first season at Marseille has re-signed for two years. Marseille boss Bernard Tapie, who brought him from Nantes, is reported to have offered him \$3 million to stop him moving to Monaco.

RESULTS

BELGIUM

Standard Liege won the Belgian Cup for the fifth time when it beat Charleroi 2-0 (half-time 0-0).

Scorers: Henk Vos (55th min), Philippe Leonard (63rd).

JAPAN

Shimizu S-Pulse 2 (Edu 43, Hasegawa 116, sudden-death extra time) JEF United Ichihara 1 (Ejiri 35)
Kashima Antlers 2 (Santos 14, Alcindo 56) Yokohama Marinos 0
Sanfrecce Hiroshima 1 (Moriyama 71) Urawa Red Diamonds 0
Gamba Osaka 3 (Nagashima 15, 37, 84) Nagoya Grampus Eight 1 (Jorzinbo 9)
Verdy Kawasaki 1 (Takeda 51) Yokohama Flugels 1 (Aldro 53). Verdy won 5-4 on penalties.

STANDINGS

Kashima Antlers	7	5	2	17	6
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	7	5	2	11	6
JEF United Ichihara	7	4	3	14	7
Verdy Kawasaki	7	4	3	11	9
Shimizu S-Pulse	7	4	3	10	10
Yokohama Flugels	7	3	4	12	11
Gamba Osaka	7	3	4	6	10
Yokohama Marinos	7	3	4	5	10
Nagoya Grampus Eight	7	3	4	7	15
Urawa Red Diamonds	7	1	6	2	11

SPAIN

Real Madrid 2 Real Sociedad 0
Barcelona 2 Sevilla 1
Deportivo Coruna 3 Cadiz 0

SWITZERLAND

Aarau 2 Sion 1
Lausanne 0 Lugano 3
Neuchatel Xamax 0 Young Boys 1
FC Zurich 3 Servette 2

STANDINGS

Aarau	12	8	3	1	18	5	31
Young Boys	12	5	2	5	15	15	26
Servette	12	5	2	5	15	17	26
Zurich	12	5	3	4	13	12	25
Lugano	12	6	2	4	18	12	25
Sion	12	3	2	7	12	21	21
Neuchatel	12	3	4	5	14	15	21
Lausanne	12	3	2	7	11	19	20

Total points include half the points from qualifying rounds.

LUXEMBOURG

FC Dudelange 2 Fola Esch 1
CS Grevenmacher 0 Avenir Beggen 0
Union Luxemburg 8 Jeunesse Esch 2

STANDINGS

Avenir Beggen	28.5
Union Luxemburg	27.5
Jeunesse Esch	23
CS Grevenmacher	20.5
FC Dudelange	18
Fola Esch	8.5

GERMANY

Bayer Leverkusen 4 Borussia M'gladbach 0
Hamburg 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 2
Karlsruhe 3 Borussia Dortmund 0
Bochum 3 Wattenscheid 1
Nuremberg 4 Saarbruecken 1
Schalke 3 Bayern Munich 3
VfB Stuttgart 0 Werder Bremen 3
Bayer Uerdingen 0 Cologne 0
Kaiserslautern 2 Dynamo Dresden 0

FINAL STANDINGS

Werder Bremen	34	19	10	5	63	30	48
Bayern Munich	34	18	11	8	74	45	47
Eintracht Frankfurt	34	15	12	7	56	39	42
Borussia Dortmund	34	18	5	11	61	43	41
Bayer Leverkusen	34	14	12	8	64	45	40
Karlsruhe	34	14	11	9	60	54	39
VfB Stuttgart	34	12	12	10	56	50	36
Kaiserslautern	34	13	9	12	50	40	35
Borussia M'gladbach	34	13	9	12	59	59	35
Schalke	34	11	12	11	42	43	34
Hamburg	34	8	15	11	42	44	31
Cologne	34	12	4	18	41	51	28
Nuremberg	34	10	8	16	30	47	28
Wattenscheid	34	10	8	16	46	67	28
Dynamo Dresden	34	7	13	14	32	49	27
Bochum	34	8	10	16	45	52	26
Bayer Uerdingen	34	7	10	17	35	64	24
Saarbruecken	34	5	13	16	37	71	23

The World Game

Barcelona stay in touch with Real

REAL Madrid remain one point ahead of arch-rivals Barcelona at the top of the Spanish league with just two games to go.

Both sides won last weekend — although there were first-half jitters before they clinched the points. Reigning champions Barcelona went down 1-0 against seventh-placed Sevilla after 15 minutes and seemed to have little to offer apart from a series of long-range efforts from Dutch defender Ronald Koeman.

But they turned the game on its head immediately in the second period, Danish international Michael Laudrup scoring in the 46th minute and Miguel Nadal bundling home the ball two minutes later to secure the points.

Real, meanwhile, failed to find the target for the first 45 minutes but Luis Milla's 54th minute score gave them the lead, although it was not until the 89th minute that Michel finally made the game safe.

Deportivo La Coruna still have a mathematical chance of stealing the title, although few would bet against the big two — Real boast an astonishing 25 Spanish titles to Barcelona's 12 — slipping up

But La Coruna — who have



RONALD HOEMAN

never won the league or any domestic tournament — kept up the top-of-the-table interest with a

3-0 victory over lowly Cadiz, who are stranded at the bottom of the table with Burgos.

MILAN FINISHES WITH A WHIMPER

ITALIAN champion AC Milan failed to finish the domestic season on a winning note, held 2-2 at Genoa on the final day of the league competition.

But at the other end of the table, troubled Fiorentina, which went through two coaches this year, smashed six past Foggia but was relegated.

Fiorentina joined Ancona and Pescara, while Udinese and Brescia face a play-off to decide which side completes the drop into the Second Division.

Milan's Dutch stars Frank Rijkaard — who is quitting the club — and Marco Van Basten were missing but Ruud Gullit, also set to leave, and Frenchman Jean Pierre Papin made a welcome return to action.

Papin, a substitute during the side's European Champions' Cup defeat against Olympique Marseille of France, scored in the 65th minute after Marco Simone's opener.

Championship runner-up Inter sealed its season with an emphatic 3-0 win over Torino, ending four points behind the leader.

Uruguayan Ruben Sosa hit a double, with Russian Igor Shalimov the other scorer.

Parma's 1-1 draw against Naples was enough to earn it third place in the league, while Paul Gascoigne's head-to-head with compatriot David Platt ended in a resounding 4-1 win for Juventus.

The club leapfrogged Gascoigne's Lazio to end in fourth place but neither Englishmen made an impact after their recent international tour of duty against Poland and Norway, both being taken off in the second half.



FRANK RIJKAARD: quitting AC Milan — could be going to Spain.

BILLY BINGHAM'S LAST HURRAH

Northern Ireland are back in the groove. The new coach will have talent galore to work with

RIVALRY

The rivalry between the Irish teams is there for all to see.

Northern Ireland's current decline is all the more difficult to swallow in the light of the Republic's success on the world stage. Bingham was clearly riled by the pre-match remarks of Republic manager Jack Charlton, and even more so by taunts from the Lansdowne Road crowd of "There's only one team in Ireland".

"Ah, yes," counters Bingham. "But our fans could probably sing 'Only one team are Irish.'

"And when all's said and done, we've still been to three World Cups compared to their one."

He believes that the Republic would not have had such success without the recruitment of a number of English, Scots and Welsh-born players under FIFA's generous grandparent rule.

And he is equally proud of the fact that all but one member of his current team was born in the Province.

"Eight of the team in Dublin was Under 25," he points out. "Only Alan McDonald, Mal Donaghy and Nigel Worthington

supply any real experience. But these lads could provide the nucleus of a decent team for six or seven years and they'll get better the longer they play together."

Bingham believes it is essential to look at the recent history of Northern Ireland's football team before examining their future.

"Between 1980 and 1987, Northern Ireland had their best-ever team, but since the demise of that side I've had a long, hard job to come up with fresh young talent," he admits.

The nucleus of a very good team all went into decline at the same time. Jennings, O'Neill, McIlroy, McClelland, Armstrong, Hamilton, O'Neill, and Whiteside and both Nicholls all went together.

"We are a very small nation.

"We don't have the same cycle of players as great soccer nations like Brazil, Germany and even England. After '86 there was a dearth of talent, but I had to blood the youngsters and risk them at the top level."

"By our standards, we've awarded caps to a lot of players

these past few years. Some have failed, some have come back after a poor start, others have taken to international football straight away."

"It would have been easy for



GEORGE BEST

me to leave after the 1986 World Cup with a very good track record, but if I'd done that I believe that Northern Ireland would have been through three or four different managers by now because the results wouldn't have been right."

"I knew we were heading for

a decline, so I stayed to hold things together, with a very tight defence and stop us from being turned over. And now there are definite signs of improvement.

"Our results have been better over the last two years and we've gained some great results against the likes of Germany and Spain."

"That hasn't seduced us into believing we're going to qualify for the next World Cup."

"The team are certainly better than they were, but I still don't know just how far they can go."

"There is no point in kidding ourselves that we're up there with the Germans and Brazils of this world, but because we qualified for two World Cup finals, people expect us to maintain that sort of standard."

"If we can finish third in our qualifying group this time, that will still be a success."

Bingham, who was capped 56 times during a 13-year international career, insists he has enjoyed every minute of his reign.

But at 61 the time is now right to hand over to a new man.

Just who that man will be remains to be seen.

Former Manchester United fullback Jimmy Nicholl, one of Bingham's stars of '82, appears favourite for the job after helping Raith become the first team in Britain to win promotion this season.

RELUCTANT

Martin O'Neill is another being mentioned, though he would be reluctant to leave

Wycombe Wanderers so soon after guiding them into the Football League.

And what price George Best who recently threw his hat in the ring for the manager's job?

Bingham insists that he will not make recommendations, and is concerned only at leaving as steady a team as possible.

But he stresses the need for a successful team to lift some of the gloom surrounding life in the troubled province, and knows that the politics of life in Northern Ireland make this a job unlike any other in football.

CHARGE

"In all my years in charge, the team has been picked solely on playing ability," Bingham insists.

"Religion doesn't come into it. We have few enough players to choose from as it is without introducing any form of discrimination."

"In my team Catholics and Protestants play together, train together, room together and get on well together. They are a fine example to the rest of the community."

"We've got a lot of support right across the divide and I'd like to think that everyone living here would cheer us on."

"That was certainly the case when we were doing so well in the '80s and I sincerely hope they will have some more success to cheer in the not too distant future."

The World Game



GERD MÜLLER

There's only one "Bomber"

Bayern Munich were only a Second Division club until they signed the greatest of modern scorers for \$2,000.

We've heard claims of 1,000 goals for both Pele and Puskas.

Those totals, even if substantiated, would include a high proportion of hits on soft targets when playing exhibitions.

But Gerd Muller scored all his 628 goals in competitive play.

He listed them before leaving Germany in 1979 for a star-crossed assignment in Florida.

"I got at least one goal in every competition I played in," he said.

Muller, now 47 and fighting alcoholism, can browse through his past and reflect on how he gave hangovers to keepers.

"God help them," he said.

"Often I didn't know where the ball was going, so how could they?"

Der Bomber — No. 13 in his two World Cups — is etched for ever in memory when airborne in Mexico during extra time in the 1970 quarter-final, swinging his right foot to volley a winner over the upstretched hands of England's unfortunate Peter Bonetti.

That, though, is not how Muller pictures himself.

The image in his mind is of crouching low, sometimes almost on his back, in a crowded penalty area while turning to shoot amid the flying boots.

He says: "Hundreds of my goals were scored on the turn with only the vaguest sense of direction.

"I always knew the net was

somewhere close, but not which corner I'd fired at."

Ray Clemence remembers a quite different strike by Muller when Bayern beat Liverpool 3-1: "He outjumped Larry Lloyd, nearly twice his size and good in the air, to head a cross against the angle of the bar and upright.

"I dived, but couldn't get to the ball as it bounced down and out with Muller on the ground. He'd jumped so high that he'd fallen over by the penalty spot.

"Yet he was up before me and reached the ball while it was still bouncing. Then he struck it in the net! He was lightning in the box."

Muller won the 1974 World Cup final in Munich, despite West Germany being one down after only a minute against Johan Cruyff's entrancing total footballers.

As Cesar Menotti, manager of Argentina's 1978 winners, observed: "A case of one specialist beating 10 all-rounders."

Muller is an amiable man, not boastful in any way — which is one reason for so many old team-mates rallying to help when the public learned that drinking habits acquired in Fort Lauderdale had ruined his fortune, his marriage and his health.

It isn't boasting, but justified pride, when Muller recalls that right-footed shot in the 43rd minute after a

pounce and spin that left Ruud Krol of Holland on his backside, the picture of resignation.

Muller recalls: "My turn for that goal was timed off film at less than half a second.

"Precisely, 0.43 of a second.

"From boyhood, I had the knack of darting from goal to meet the ball, then turning to win time and space. Being only 177cms helps. I'd turn twice to the big defenders' once.

"Turns, spin and back-to-goal drills were the basis of my game and I'd spend an hour a day practicing them.

"Also I never lost sight of the fact that no ball is hopeless and that defenders are quite likely to hesitate.

"When it was me against a keeper, I never worried 'What if he stops it?' but only 'Where should I put it?'

"And if there was no obvious gap, I'd aim at his left-hand corner because nearly every keeper is weakest there.

"Coaches teach shooting with the instep, but I scored hundreds close in with the inside of my right foot or by dragging the ball across with the toes of either foot."

TSV Munich 1860, Cup-Winners' Cup finalists against West Ham at Wembley in 1965, were the premier club of Bavaria until Bayern scouts spotted Muller scoring 48 promotion



GERD MÜLLER: at his farewell testimonial in Munich in 1979.

goals in a season for his home town of Nordlingen, a fortified, half-timbered dream along the Romantic Road north of Munich.

Bayern paid \$800 to Nordlingen and \$1200 to Muller's widowed mother, but the Burgermeister came round with his councillors protesting: "If you don't want to stay amateur, at least don't leave us to go part-time in the Second Division."

The Mayor did not foresee how swiftly Bayern, champions once in 1932, would rise again with Muller and a young outside-left called Franz Beckenbauer

from a gents' outfitters.

Muller, a weaver by trade, was found work more suited to his physique: furniture remover!

As far as the club coach

MÜLLER'S GOAL RECORD

Internationals	68
First Division	365
Second Division	39
German Cup	76
League Cup	12
European Cup	36
Cup-Winners' Cup	20
UEFA Cup	7
World Club Cup	1
European Super Cup	3
Junior internationals	1

was concerned, Bomber could stay in the van.

"Remarks came back, although never said to my face," Muller said.

"I was only 18 but 90 kilos — nearly six kilos overweight, thickset and dumpy. The coach dubbed me 'The weightlifter' and

asked if he was expected to put a bear among racehorses.

"It didn't help when I broke an arm on my first appearance and was out for six weeks, but a hat-trick in the reserves put things right.

"I went back in the first team, scored twice, and was never out from then on unless sick or injured."

Medals cascaded on Muller and Beckenbauer — the World Cup, the European Championship, three European Cups, a Cup-Winners' Cup, four League championships and four German FA Cups.

Muller revealed: "I'd intended to sign for 1860, not for Bayern. So it was a fluke that brought Franz and me together."

"I was the instrument for turning his genius into goals,

but neither of us might have been so staggeringly successful without the other."

Maybe not, but most people's view of football is that the finisher outranks the creator.

For the game is about putting the ball in the net.

In that department, Muller stands alone.

He scored more international goals than he played games (68 in 62 appearances).

He's the record World Cup scorer with 14 goals from the 1970 and 1974 tournaments.

He also scored in each of Germany's six qualifiers for 1970. Nine goals in all — two equalisers and two last-minute winners.

Anybody who beats that will be some player!

BULGARED!

REFEREES have been having a hard time of it in the Eastern block countries lately.

Fitness checks on their top 48 officials had to be abandoned after they ALL fell ill.

Cause of the problem? The groundsman at Etar.

Since his club were away on tour, and being unaware of the tests being carried out at the stadium, he put down a heavily concentrated weedkiller on the pitch.

Enter 48 fit looking guys, exit 48 men in black looking greener than the pitch!

Meanwhile CSKA Sofia's Zarko Machev has been banned for four games after kicking a referee in the back.

The defender apologised, claiming he meant to kick the ball but missed.

Any refs wishing to work in Bulgaria should write to ...

ZAMBIA REPLAY

ZAMBIA's World Cup match against Senegal, postponed in April after the Zambian team was wiped out in an air crash on its way to Dakar, has been provisionally rescheduled for August 7. The proposed new date for the African Group B match was announced by FIFA last week.

Standard Liege win Belgian Cup

STANDARD Liege swept past a weakened Sporting Charleroi with two goals in the second half to win the Belgian Cup, its first trophy in over a decade.

Henk Vos, the Dutch striker, opened the scoring in the 56th minute when he took a pass from Brazilian defender Andre Cruz, beat two defenders and beat substitute goalie David Baetsle with a strong left-foot shot.

Five minutes later, Philippe Leonard added a second goal when he converted a rebound after Baetsle failed to control a shot from midfielder Guy Hellers.

Charleroi came into the final with several key players missing through injury and lost outstanding defender Olivier Suray early in the second half.

From that stage onward, the team fell apart and Standard, one of Belgium's best-known teams, won its first trophy in over a decade. Standard took the 1982 league title but fell back after a bribery scandal which cost the team the league title the next year.

Because of Standard's win in the Belgian Cup competition, FC Antwerp gained Belgium's third berth in the UEFA Cup competition together with FC Mechelen and Waregem.

FC Antwerp lost this year's European Cupwinners' Cup final against Italy's Parma at Wembley Stadium in London.

Anderlecht easily won the league championship this year but saw its quest for a double thwarted by Charleroi in the Cup semifinals. Standard finished second in the league.

UEFA FINES

THE European Football Union (UEFA) has suspended Atletico Madrid's president Jesus Gil y Gil for six matches for "improper behaviour" towards the referee in the Cup Winners' Cup semifinal against Parma on April 22.

The Spanish club was fined \$102,000 for misbehaviour and several Atletico players received match bans for their behaviour during the tie against the Italian club.

Parma went on to win the Cup by beating the tie against the Italian club.

Parma went on to win the Cup by beating Belgium's Antwerp 3-1.

Atletico players surrounded German referee Aron Schmidhuber in protest after substitute Juan Juanito was sent off for a crude late challenge in the 87th minute.

One Parma player threw the ball at Schmidhuber and he was berated further after the final whistle.

Italy's Juventus were ordered to play their next match in UEFA's club competitions at least 300 kms from their home stadium in Turin.

UEFA's control and disciplinary committee said the club's supporters had set off fireworks which delayed the start of the second half in the UEFA Cup final against Borussia Dortmund of Germany on May 19.

Juventus won 6-1 on aggregate.

SOCER BACKS TURKS

THE German Federation has condemned the arson attack by suspected rightists that killed five Turks, and donated \$44,400 to the victims' relatives.

Egidius Braun, president of the Federation, says the German national team will meet an all-star selection of foreigners who play in the Bundesliga in a charity match on October 5 in Augsburg.

Braun says foreigners played soccer with us, foreigners are with us in the stadium, foreigners belong with us. All Bundesliga games last Saturday began with a minute of silence to mark the attack.

The World Game

PROST'S DOUBLE TARGET IN CANADA

1993 FIA Formula 1 World Championship, Round 7: Canadian Grand Prix

What do Canada, Hungary and Japan have in common? They are the only countries with Grands Prix where Alain Prost has failed to win, so the little Frenchman will be desperate to break his Canadian "duck" in round seven of the 1993 FIA Formula 1 World Championship in Montreal on Sunday.

Williams-Renault driver Prost has another reason for wanting to succeed on the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, set on an island in the mighty St Lawrence Seaway. He trails McLaren-Ford star Ayrton Senna by five points as each seeks a fourth Formula 1 drivers' crown.

Senna's victory at Monaco last time out has given McLaren renewed impetus, with just two races to go before they are allowed use of the top-specification Ford V8 which until the British Grand Prix is the exclusive property of Benetton.

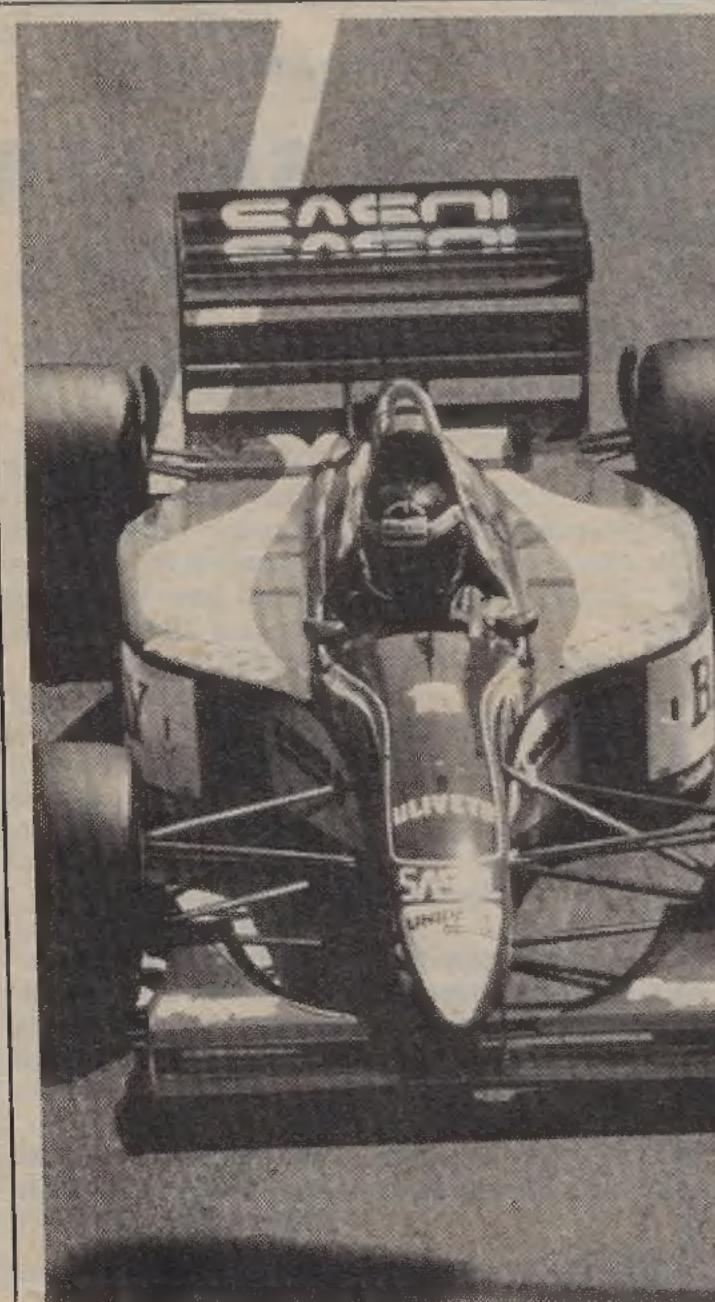
Few would have predicted that Senna, in an under-powered car competing against the superb Renault V10 R55, would have been leading the title race at this stage. Montreal's tight confines could again minimise the power gap and allow the Brazilian to consolidate at Prost's expense.

Montreal also has a habit of throwing up surprise winners. Two years ago Nelson Piquet took advantage of Nigel Mansell's last-lap gaffe to cruise home in his Benetton, while last year Mansell's kamikaze attempt to pass Senna left the door open for Gerhard Berger to take victory for McLaren.

There was enough evidence in Monaco to suggest that Berger's current team, Ferrari, may well be on the brink of revival, and the Canadian circuit named after one of Ferrari's most-loved drivers, French-Canadian Gilles Villeneuve could help Berger and Alesi continue the form all F1 fans long to see.

Canada, like Monaco, is one of the few places where minor teams can expect to do well: Tyrrell scored points in 1992 for Andrea De Cesaris's fifth place, while Karl Wendlinger joined compatriot Berger in the points with the only top-six finish for the penniless and now defunct March outfit. Wendlinger will be hoping for similar success this year to give a mid-season boost to the exciting new Sauber team.

Neither Williams-Renault made it to the Montreal finish last year. Can Prost overcome his Canadian hoodoo and regain the title lead, or will Senna score a third victory there to add to his successes in 1988 and 1990? Either way, the Grand Prix season is proving once again the glorious uncertainty of sport.



SASOL GRAND PRIX PREVIEW

ROUND 7 — CANADIAN GRAND PRIX
Montreal
13th June 1993

THE seventh round of the 1993 World Championship, the Canadian Grand Prix, takes place on Sunday June 13 at the Gilles Villeneuve Circuit in Montreal, and with the season now approaching the half-way stage Sasol Jordan have further stepped up their programme in the search for World Championship points. Though a top-six finish has eluded the team so far, Rubens Barrichello has demonstrated the potential of the Jordan-Heart package at the last two races, and reliability has improved with finishes at both events. Now the team must augment that reliability with an increase in performance, and that has been the main area of focus in the weeks since the Monaco Grand Prix.

"We have been doing a lot of testing since the last race" explains Team Manager John Walton, "Although we have completed 620 miles over four days — two days at the Paul Ricard Circuit on the way home from Monaco, and a further two at Silverstone since our return to the UK. We have made some definite progress, and as a result will have a number of new items on the cars in Montreal. The automatic clutch, which we first tested just before the Monaco Grand Prix, has performed well at every test since so both drivers will be using that for qualifying in Montreal, and possibly for the race as well. Likewise we have put a lot of test miles on some modified gears which help to eliminate any possibility of missing a change, and we will be using those in Canada.

"We have also done a lot of testing with a new differential, a new front wing and an 'active' damper system. We will have all of these with us in Canada and have the option to use them if the conditions are right. The differential combines well with the rear suspension geometry which we first introduced in Barcelona to make the car more stable and increase the traction. The new front wing and our 'active' front damper have proved very beneficial when we have run them together at the tests in terms of improving the stability of the car and that could be an important factor at a bumpy circuit like Montreal. We will make a final decision about using them based on the conditions we find when we get there," Walton concludes.

The 4.430km/2.753 mile Circuit Gilles Villeneuve lies on the Ile Notre Dame, site of the Expo 67 World Fair in the middle of the St Lawrence seaway. The circuit holds fond memories for the Sasol Jordan team, who scored their first ever World Championship points there with fourth and fifth places in 1991 and also for Belgian driver Thierry Boutsen who recorded his first Grand Prix win

at the 1989 event.

"It was a difficult race" recalls Thierry. "It is a difficult track anyway because of the way that the corners are designed and the fact that it is so bumpy. That year it was very wet too which made it even worse. It was a very satisfying win though!" he added. "Aside from those memories, I have always liked the Canadian race — the atmosphere is friendly and enthusiastic and that always makes a big difference to an event."

"I like the circuit a lot as well," he continues. "It's a real driver's circuit. As I said it is pretty difficult, it is always very dirty on the first day because there is not much racing outside the Grand Prix weekend, and you have to keep up a constant level of concentration because with the layout of the corners, the bumps and some of the kerbs it's like having traps set for you all the way round. There are some great corners though. Probably the best one for me is the right-left-right in front of the old pits — it sums up the whole track really; there is virtually no visibility going through the corner, there are big bumps in the middle of it, and you are supposed to take it flat in 6th! It's really challenging, but a big moment when you get it right!"

"It's not just the drivers who have a hard challenge in Canada though," adds Thierry. "This is probably the toughest circuit that we visit for the car as well. It is all stop and go — slow chicanes with long straights in between. That makes for very high fuel consumption — we use more fuel at this event than anywhere else — and puts a lot of stress on the brakes, the gearbox and the chassis".

Sasol Jordan will have a chance to assess how the new modifications fitted for this event stand up to that stress when the serious business of racing gets underway on Friday morning. The lighthearted business of racing takes centre-stage for half an hour on Thursday though, as the team take to the water for the annual Mechanics' Raft Race. The Montreal pits lie alongside the man-made lake constructed for the rowing competitions of the 1976 Olympic games.

The Mechanics' Raft Race, which is almost as hotly contested as the Grand Prix itself, consists of two widths of the lake in a 'raft' which must be constructed from items used in the pits during the Grand Prix weekend. For the past two years the Sasol Jordan mechanics have triumphed, beating the rest of the field home to take top honours. To retain the trophy for a third successive year would indeed be gratifying, but Sasol Jordan are looking to Sunday afternoon to secure the real honours.

CIRCUIT DETAILS

CANADIAN GRAND PRIX: Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal
13th June 1993

Circuit length: 4.430km/2.753 miles
Race distance: 69 laps (305.570km/189.957 miles)

1992 Pole position: Ayrton Senna (McLaren-Honda) — 1'19.775 (199.912kmh/124.220mph)
1992 Fastest lap: Gerhard Berger (McLaren-Honda) — 1'22.325 (193.720kmh/120.372mph)

1992 Results 1 — Gerhard Berger (McLaren-Honda) 1:3'08.299 (188.805kmh/117.318mph)
2 — Michael Schumacher (Benetton-Ford) + 12.401
3 — Jean Alesi (Ferrari) + 1'07.327
4 — Karl Wendlinger (March-Ilmor) + 1 lap
5 — Andrea de Cesaris (Tyrrell-Ilmor) + 1 lap
6 — Eric Comas (Ligier-Renault) + 1 lap

Stefano Modena (Sasol Jordan Yamaha): Retired lap 36 (transmission)
Mauricio Gugelmin (Sasol Jordan Yamaha): Retired lap 14 (Transmission)

Thierry Boutsen (Ligier-Renault): 10th



The World Game



Clough joins Liverpool from relegated Forest

ENGLAND midfielder Nigel Clough has joined Liverpool from relegated Nottingham Forest.

Clough, son of Forest's retired manager Brian Clough, signed for the Premier League club between returning from England's disastrous World Cup outing in Norway and the trip to America for the US Cup tournament.

Manager Graeme Souness said: "Playing under such a dominating and forceful character as Brian Clough, with such high standards, shows Nigel has a strong personality. That's appealing to me and it shows the character you need to play for Liverpool."

Souness sees the 27-year-old Clough's role as similar to that of his former Liverpool and Scotland team mate Kenny Dalglish, with the ability to both create and score goals.

Clough was top scorer for six of his eight seasons at Forest but managed only 12 goals in 51 matches for his father last season, when he was asked to play in a number of positions.

When Forest was relegated near the end of the season, Clough was expected to leave the City Ground along with Irish midfielder Roy Keane and England's injured defender and captain Stuart Pearce. Keane has been linked with both champion Manchester United and Dalglish's Blackburn Rovers.



ROY KEANE

HODDLE TAKES OVER CHELSEA

FORMER England World Cup midfielder Glenn Hoddle was appointed manager of Premier League club Chelsea.

Hoddle, who played for Tottenham Hotspur and Monaco and won 53 England caps, steps into his second managerial job at Chelsea after guiding Swindon Town into the top flight for the first time.

Swindon, with player-manager Hoddle scoring the opening goal, beat Leicester City 4-3 at Wembley in the first division promotion playoff final 10 days ago.

Hoddle signed a three-year contract with Chelsea but John Gorman, the coach at Swindon, has decided not to join him and has been appointed the new Swindon manager.

Chelsea chairman Ken Bates said: "Glenn has shown he has outstanding ability. The reason we wanted him was because he plays football in the right way, the way Chelsea fans want to see it played."

Hoddle, who joined Swindon in April 1991, said it was a tough and emotional decision to leave.

"It was a gut feeling, and I always follow gut feelings. I only decided to leave in the last couple of days but I'm walking out with my head held high," he said.

He is Chelsea's sixth manager in 12 years and takes over from their former defender David Webb, who stepped in in mid-season when Ian Porterfield was sacked after a string of poor results.

Hoddle, scorer of 106 goals in 484 league and cup games for Spurs, the club he joined as an apprentice in 1974, is also expected to be registered as a player by Chelsea.

He is no newcomer to Stamford Bridge, having convalesced at the club



GLENN HODDLE

after returning from Monaco in 1989 with a severe knee injury. He even turned out for Chelsea's reserves.

Hoddle won the UEFA Cup once

and English FA Cup twice with Tottenham in the early 1980s and the French league title with Monaco in 1988.

GASCOIGNE TRANSFER FACES TAX PROBE

PAUL Gascoigne's \$12.6 million move to Lazio is one of a series of major British football transfers being investigated by the Inland Revenue.

Deals involving a total of more than \$45.8 million are being examined following allegations of tax dodging and illegal payments to players.

Investigators have already approached several football clubs and players' agents demanding to see details of financial transactions.

The Inland Revenue is targeting illegal payments to agents and the use of offshore accounts to avoid tax.

Both Gascoigne and former England winger Chris Waddle, whose move from Olympique Marseille to Sheffield Wednesday is facing a probe, have offshore companies.

Inland Revenue sources also said that the transfer of Australian goalkeeper Mark Bosnich from Sydney Croatia to Aston Villa last year was under study.

TAYLOR READY TO DUMP GAZZA



PAUL GASCOIGNE

ENGLAND manager Graham Taylor is ready to dump Paul Gascoigne from his plans unless the Lazio midfielder can cure his apparent weight problem.

Taylor indicated before flying out to America with his squad for the US Cup that Gascoigne would have to improve his fitness over the summer to play in the next World Cup qualifier against Poland at Wembley in September.

The under-fire England boss is quoted in several Sunday newspapers as saying: "Gascoigne has got between now and September to sort himself out."

"That is all I can say. That is all I am prepared to say. I cannot record publicly what all his problems are because then all hell would be let loose."

Gascoigne has looked overweight in recent internationals and there is real concern about his apparent heavy drinking.

Taylor, angered by Gascoigne's below-par display in the World Cup 0-2 flop in Norway, is quoted as adding: "Each time Paul has come to us, he has looked less fit."

However Lazio are adamant they had not neglected Gascoigne's physical condition.

Club doctor and dietician Claudio Bartolini is quoted as saying: "Gascoigne is not at all overweight in my opinion. He is not a big eater and his thick-set figure does not include superfluous fat."

"We are keeping Gascoigne to the diet we fixed for him which includes two pints of beer a day. We will ask him to keep to his diet when he goes back to England on his summer holidays."

Gascoigne is missing from the US Cup because Lazio were planning a tour. Taylor made no attempt to secure the player's release when he heard the tour might be off.

CHARLTON BLASTS ENGLAND EFFORT

FORMER England great Bobby Charlton has admitted that his country does not deserve to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States after its dismal showing in Norway.

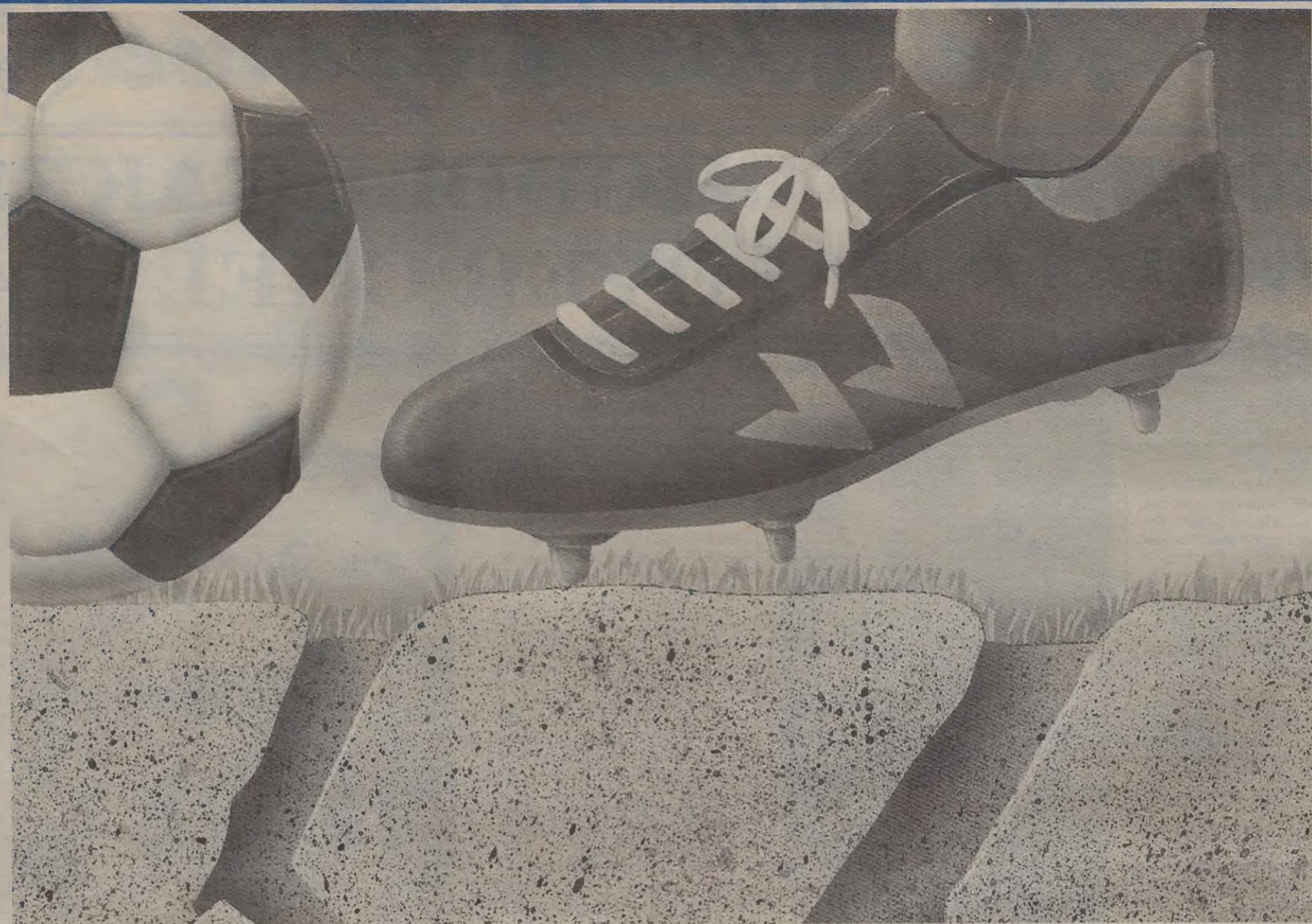
The 1966 World Cup hero, speaking in Lausanne, Switzerland, said: "To be perfectly honest, I don't think that we're good enough at the moment."

Charlton was furious with the English performance in the 2-0 defeat in Norway.

"It was an unbelievably bad match," said the ex-Manchester United star. "We were technically naive, unprofessional in everything we did. It was a performance that really plumbed the depths."

"What really hurts a lot of people is not that they lost the match but the way that they lost it. We always seem to pride ourselves in being aggressive, tough, professional and brave. Those were all the qualities that were lacking."

"I don't think England have any really, really great players. A fit Paul Gascoigne is a great player, but he's not fit."



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